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Julie Burchill on booze, Blair and boys







Major rules out concessions to sceptics

Cabinet line dismissed as confusing and disappointing

Minister goes, Tories despair

night ruled out concessions on the Cabinet's Euro-Treasury minister David Heathcoat-Amory prompted renewed in-fighting between rival factions within the Con-

colleague, who had managed to remain in the key post of deputy chief whip during the bloody passage of the Maas-

ship now and blight the Government's latest hope of reshuffle, his resignation has recovery by calling for outright rejection of British involvement in a single EU currency, Euro-sceptics were de-

Cabinet's European policy after the Cabinet will dig in," said the resignation of one. "In the medium term this will help us win on this issua." And speculation per-sisted, despite Downing servative Party.

Cabinet loyalists were in despair and many Tory MPs were puzzled that a fastidious colleague, who had managed

Mr Major will conduct a limited reshuffle today in the wake of the resignation.

Last night he twisted the knife with a resignation letter that dismissed the Cabinet's carefully-crafted compromises on the single currency as useless in the face of a "relentiess drive" towards political union.

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The Labour MP, Dennis MacShane, last night accused

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If a future cabinet does design to the context than a single currency to the committed by 1999. their party and help Mr Major beat Tony Blair, Loyalists be-

in his letter to Mr Major. When something is clearly against the national interest it is our job as the party of the national interest to make our position clear — and resist it

He told the Prime Minister he would campaign in favour of a looser, free trade relationship with the EU, starting this morning with a

In his reply Mr Major con-ceded: "I understand the pas-sions aroused by this issue", but added that it was in Brit-

If a future cabinet does decide to enter, there would be a referendum, he reminded the MP after telling him: "I believe it is a mistake" to quit. As Paymaster-General and former minister for Europe,

Mr Heathcoat-Amory had some influence on European issues, said some Tory MPs

assues, said some fory Mrs acry to see him resign.
"Where better (to serve) than in the Treasury where Ken Clarke is a complete Euro-maniac? I am puzzled and saddened I wish he had stayed," said ex-minister and aceptic, Patrick Nicholls.

As John Redwood and other

sceptics rejoiced, the deputy prime minister, Michael Heseltine told ITN he was "sorry" about the resigna-tion. Labour was delighted at fresh Tory disarray. "Kenneth Clarke is increasingly isolated. He can't even persuade his own ministers to support him," Gordon Brown declared.

But the shadow chancellor will face his own critics when leftwing sceptics launch a pamphlet called The Single Currency - Axing Labour's Programme.

TUC presess Bank on EMU,



David Heathcoat-Amory . . .



Frozen human embryos to be destroyed

Embryo storage

UK Ten years

France Five years max.

eem. No requisition

USA/ Canada No regulation

Netherlands No regulation

W. Australia Three years max.

Dr Peter Brinsden, the med-

ical director of Bourn Hall,

Cambridge, which ploneered in vitro fertilisation treat-

ment, said the centre had 265 couples it could not contact

covering 904 embryos, out of 10,000 in storage. Half the missing couples lived abroad. "It would be completely uneth-

tcal to use the embryos for purposes other than originally intended by the couples."

A spokeman for Issue, the

regulations

A technician removes embryos from frozen storage, where they can be kept for up to 10 years with parents' permission

style consumer panic, which devastated the industry, could be triggered by suggest-ing the scale of the BSE prob-lem was greater than thought. There were predictions last night of a one third fall in sales of sheep products. Britain and France, the

main European producers, would be hit hardest. But lamb is not subject to the new Scientists previously accepted there was a link be-

Software set to tighten Microsoft's

computers

The American computing giant is developing software that could effectively turn a

drawn up to manage their personal finances and another they have located on a computer in, say, the base-ment of Nasa's beadquarters

in Washington.

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them by surprise.
Officials privately expressed worries that a beef-

grip on Net

UST when you thought it was safe to buy a computer and check out the hype about the joys of surfing the Internet, Microsoft is poised to spark a revolution in how people use the global network

home computer into a termi nal on the internet. When users have logged on, they won't spot the difference between a file they have

Inside

Police are trying to work out how a family of five died at their home in Southampton, amid suggestions there

of the parents.".

Parents cannot be found as 4,000

some exceptional cases. But if that consent cannot be ob-tained the storage has to

cease, which means, sadly, allowing a number of

embryos to perish.
"But if you think through

the other options — of using them without the consent of

the individuals, or of keeping

them stored indefinitely — those options are far less

these embryos should be do-nated or 'adopted'. This would

be wrong both legally and ethi-cally. Consent is crucial and, if

consent cannot be obtained

storage must cease allowing the embryos to perish."

Professor Ian Craft, of the London Gynaecology and Fer-tility Centre, said: "These em-

bryos were created to bring children into the world so we

feel great sadness that they will have to be destroyed, but

it would not be right to give them away or use them for

rch without the consent

"Some have suggested that

fertilised eggs face deadline

P.TO 4,000 frozen

embryos from about 900 couples are to be destroyed at the end of the

month because the parents

cannot be contacted, have shown no interest in the fate

of their potential children or

do not want them any more. The destruction has to take

place because Parliament said

in 1990 that, from August 1991,

embryos could only be frozen for five years, meaning the deadline is up on July 31. In

May the regulations were changed so that embryos could be stored for 10 years, but only if the parents were contacted

and gave their permission.
Ruth Deech, chalrman of

the Human Fertilisation and

Embryology Authority, which regulates clinics hold-

ing the embryos, said yester-

day: "The regulations allow many patients to extend their

consent to 10 years or more in

was a suicide pact.

World News More than 7,000 Rwandan Hutus have been expelled from refugee camps in Burundi in four days, and there is no sign of a let-up.

As the TUC today calls for a more

positive approach. to monetary union, 50 Labour MPs will oppose it in a new pamphlet.

Finance

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TODAY WERE STARTING

infertility pressure group,

said: "It would be ideal if these embryos could be used for other infertile couples, but the ownership remains with the parents. We would not want a situation where the

owners turned up and found their potential children had been given away to someone else. We find it sad they must

be destroyed, but the law is the law."

The embryology authority

FREEZER

TEST

TUBE .

Steve Redgrave lack in a well-out troin the Olympic village at Atlanta frustrated. about overcrowding and problems with athletes' transport.

said about 9,000 embryos faced the five-year deadline. Of these, 2,100 embryos from

650 couples would perish be-cause it had not been possible

to contact the parents; another 1:200 embryos from 260

couples would be destroyed because the parents had been contacted but did not reply.

About 10 per cent of the parents that have been successfully contacted by clinics have said they no longer want

their embryos kept in storage, meaning the final number to

be destroyed is likely to be around 4,000.

bryos are just four cells, and in some cases only two — so are smaller than a pinhead. They will be brought out of

frozen storage, allowed to

reach room temperature and

then destroyed with a drop of

tacted and want their em-bryos destroyed can be pres-

ent if they wish. Mrs Deech said that since

storage began in the late 1980s, about 300,000 embryos

had been created, so those being destroyed represented a small proportion of the total.

water or alcohol.

The majority of frozen em-

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Sheep organ ban in new BSE scare

they now concede what they thought was scrapic might in-

stead be BSE. One of their difficulties is the similarities of the diseases.

Whereas it was assumed cattle picked up ESE through meat and bone meal contain-

taminated with diseased cat-

tie. Farmers were banned from giving meat and bone meal to cattle or sheep seven

years ago, although it could still be given to pigs and poul-

try until last year. Under the new controls, to

go before the EU veterinary

group next month for approval, sheep and goats

spleens and central organ tis-

sues will be banned from food

and feed use. The group will consider age limits.

HE European Commission last night sig-nalled a sweeping ban throughout Europe on the use of sheep and goat organs in the food chain after new scientific evi-

dence indicated that BSE is being transmitted to sheep. EU farm ministers, meeting in Brussels last night, were desperately playing down fears of a new food crisis. They described the latest pro-posals, unveiled to them by Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler, as precau-tionary. But the move caught

Announcing the new mea-sures in Brussels, Mr Fischler said latest research showed concerns, we would want to that BSE is more widespread discuss them with him."

tween the scrapic disease in | in the body of sheep than of sheep and BSE in cattle. But | cattle, going beyond the ner-

vous system.
"I believe it is right and proper to take another step towards protecting human and animal health. We must avoid a repetition of the events which led to the BSE epidemic in the UK.

ing sheep scrapie, it may now be that sheep have instead contracted BSE from feed conductively to restore public confidence in beef and perhaps to avoid loss of confidence in other meat. It is essential that all food and feed is free from potentially infected material."

The French government on the use of sheep brains in food manufacture. But Mr Fischler said the EU had to go further. 'The true BSE and scrapie situation in all member states is not fully clear." A spokesman for the National Farmers' Union turged caution. "People need to look at the science, not the

emotion. If Mr Fischler has

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Sketch

Prime deputy going cheap



Simon Hoggart

MOOD of exhilarated A anticipation eripped us as we trooped into the Press Gallery at 2.33 yesterday fternoon for Deputy Prime Minister's Question Time. Journalists love a freebie, and this was the ultimate junket a chance to hear Michael Heseltine discuss government policy without spending a penny of our own money!

We now know that member: of the Premier Club spend up to £100.000 for the privilege. For us this would be the equivalent of sitting in the gallery, folding £50 notes into paper planes, and letting them glide down for ministers to grab piece of conspicuous profiligacy beyond even the Guard-lan's reach.

What seems to have hap-pened is that this government has turned itself into the equivalent of a chain letter the ones which threaten you with tragedy if you don't send money to the top address on the list. ("A man in Bolton broke the chain. His family were killed when their car was hit by a train carrying Japa-nese nuclear waste.")

The way it works is that husinesses send money to the 'club", which they can hide in the accounts. Donors can then find themselves short-listed for future sales of government

The amount is knocked off taxes to improve the Government's poli ratings. In this way the Tory party is richer, the company is much richer, and we are richer because we have been persuaded with our money to return the Conserva-

Of course, as with any other chain letter, this doesn't work. It's what the statistics boffins call a "zero-sum game". We can't all get richer just by swapping money with each other. But so what? For a gov ernment devoted to the sole cause of getting itself reelected, it's the perfect con.

We've aiready got the threats. "A worker in York Labour, and lost his job, thanks to the Social Chapter. A Bideford company failed to send £50,000 to the Conservatives and went bankrupt. Send a cheque now! You will receive fffs."

Mr Heseltine said virtually nothing about this scandal, and simply accused Labour of being in the pocket of the trade unions. More today from John Major, I expect.

Further anonymous letters arrive concerning Michael Fabricant, currently parlia-mentary private secretary to a junior Treasury minister, but my choice for the new Pay-master General. One informs me that he used to be "deeply hurt by accusations that his hair was not all God's work. apparently no one had ever accused him of wearing a wig.

"He planned to parachute out of an airplane without a helmet, to show that his hair would stay in place. Horrified party members talked him out of it" — which leaves us asking, why?
I have long suspected that

my anonymous correspon-dents are all Dr Fabricant himself. The case is, I think clinched by the end of this letter: "Incidentally, despite his faults. Mr F is also an interest-ing, intelligent and quite pos-sibly fairly lonely character - but you don't want to hear that, do you?"

No. I don't. But what Dr Fall ricant must know is that what I think doesn't matter. Yesterday be asked a ludicrous ques tion, claiming that the fact that Hansard was now available on the Internet demon-strated that the Tories were committed to open govern-

ment... Hold it! A fax has just ar-rived. It is from Michael Fabricant. He is to ask the first question to the Prime Minis ter today, concerning the effect of government policies on the people of Lichfield. We're on tenterhooks wondering whether these will prove to have been beneficial - or possibly not!

And tomorrow he introduces the Union Flag Bill to encourage people to reject Labour devolution policies "Fabricant — Lust for Glory" continues unthreat-ened, unhindered and



with his girlfriend Irene Andrews, sought 'to cross killer John White (right) claims 'I have committed myself to peaceful and democratic ways'





Unforgiven: man who now enters No. 10

While he faces John Major will he reflect on the screams of his victims?' Peter Hetherington on the case of John White

tea after a day cam-paigning in Belfast's old Dock constituency. Paddy Wilson, a senator in the old Stormont, then went to de-liver election leaflets to the rish News, Northern Ire-

land's nationalist daily.

Gerry Fitt remembers the time with precision: 6.30pm,
June 26 1978. That was the last he saw of him. Soon after midnight he got the call from the RUC. His lifelong friend degree of brutality that shocked a battle-hardened

province. Could he come and identify the body?

"It was a terrible sight," recalled Lord Fitt, former leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. "His hands ware out fingers here." hands were cut, fingers hang-ing off. He was obviously try-ing to cover the knife to stop being killed. He was nearly decapitated. This was a most brutal, sadistic murder, dif-ferent from what has become

HEY had just enjoyed known as a political assassi-ham sandwiches and nation, where they shoot you

or blow you up."
Wilson, and his girifriend, Irene Andrews, were stabled to death in what was de-scribed as a frenzied attack, with the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters, flag of con-venience for the UDA, claiming responsibility.

John White, who served 14 years of a life sentence for the two murders, was elected to the Northern Ireland Forum in May. Yesterday, to the horror of Lord Fitt and a strin nationalists, he met the Prime Minister at Downing Street in a deputation for the Ulster Democratic Party, which is associated with the UDA, and the Progressive Unionist Party, which is linked to the UVF.

Lord Fitt sent a letter of

cord first sent a letter of protest to the Prime Minister. Others, such as Paddy Devlim, thought it was probably time not to linger on the past "You should speak to everybody if it means peace," he said.

I more able than many. He wanted to break away from the past."

Lord fitt is unforgiving. 'It was the worst thing I have ever seen. The police said they were two of the most



Lord Fitt . . . I find this too hard to take

Mr Devlin, too, remembers Wilson hours before he died, in Belfast city centre. "I was giving him election advice." He recalled a socialist anxious to cross the sectarian divide with class-based poli-tics that had so long eluded Ulster. "He was big on civil rights, ideological, yes, and more able than many. He

brutal murders they had ever come across. It was a terribly traumatic time. He was mur-dered just after he left me and you never forget that."

Mr White yesterday appealed for people to recognise that he had "turned over a new leaf". But Lord Fitt thundered: "I have never forgiven him. He admitted it. "Now while he's been fac-ing John Major over the table in Downing Street, will he reflect on the screams of his victims that he brutally stabbed to death in 1973? Look at the reason why be got into those talks with Major there's a direct route from the murder to Downing Street. I

find this too hard to take." Last week Wilson's widow Theresa, who left for England after the murders, was buried in Leicester. The Fitt family couple's son, Paul. Lord Fitt said: "I feel I owe

it to her to expose what is happening. We have been crying at the thought of it all. It
has brought everything back
— something that will stay
with me for all my life."
Mr White wanted to avoid the controversy before he entered No. 10. "Anyone who knows me realises that for quite some time I have com-

mitted myself to peaceful and

'I am here to ensure that incidents like I was involved in will not happen again'

Peter Hetherington in Belfast and Michael White

JOHN Major's struggle to keep the Northern Ireland peace process alive last night led him to shake hands with a convicted loyalist murderer, as a signal to paramilitary forces on both sides that an unequivocal commitment to non-violence could lead rapidly to direct political

John White emerged from 70 minutes of talks with the land Forum. Prime Minister in Downing Street to emphasise his own commitment to the pursuit of peace. "I am here to ensure that incidents like I was involved in will not happen again and I have committed myself to the peace process like many other ex-prison-ers," he told reporters, along-side Gary McMichael, both representing the Ulster Democratic Party.

Representativies of the Progressive Unionist Party were | peace process.

David Ervine, who served 11 years for possessing explo-sives, and Hugh Smyth. The meeting was widely seen as an attempt to keep the

loyalist paramilitaries' ce fire intact amid growing strains following the recent Though no details were of-

fered, Downing Street strongly defended Mr Major's lecision to hold face-to-face talks with the group of loyal-ists — in the face of Unionist criticisms.

Breaking a policy of avoiding personal contact with organisations once linked to terrorism, No 10 sources said Mr White, now UDP prison-ers' spokesman, had been subject to the law of the UK and had served a sentence. As a member of the

recently-elected Northern Irerenounced violence and signed up to the principles of the former US Senator. George Mitchell, who is chair-

ing all-party talks.
Mr McMichael was more explicit in suggesting that Sinn Fein could expect a simi-lar "reward" if they could

persuade the IRA to call a fresh ceasefire. Mr White said the meeting reflected the loyalists' greater degree of commitment to the

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Review

Fairy tale lacking danger and irony

OME works are impossi ble to detach from the historical context in

which they came about, and Der Silbersee, The Silver Lake, is certainly one of them. Georg Kaiser and Kurt Weill's Winter Fairy Tale was premiered in Germany in February 1933, a few weeks after Hitler had become Chancellor and eight days before the Reichstag was burnt to the ground. And within five weeks, Weill had

fled Germany.
Since then, The Silver Lake has been one of the most neglected of all Weill's German scores. The first British performance of the complete work had to wait until 1987, and last night's concert performance at the Proms, with the London Sinfonietta ably conducted by Markus Stenz, was only the third time the music has been heard here.

Its neglect can only be ex-plained on purely practical grounds. As this revival demonstrated, the 16 musical numbers - choruses and ensembles, solos and instrumental interludes — are top-drawer Weill, most of them as good as anything to be found in his more celebrated collabora-

tions with Bertolt Brecht. to pin down dramatically. It is more than just a play with music, though in the original version roughly three hours of Kalser's text is married to just over an hour of Weill's score. A closer comparison would be with the German

Sarah Boseley

HE case of a lesbian British

Rail employee, Lisa Grant, who was refused a concession-

ary travel permit for her part-

ner has been referred to the

European Court of Justice for a

The question the Southamp corded to industrial tribunal, which partners.

Andrew Clements | Singsplei tradition, of which The Magic Flute is the most

famous example. Like Mozart's masterpied it was written for a cast of singing actors, for a cohesiv and experienced troupe of the kind found in every self-respecting theatre in the Wei-mar Republic, performers who could move from speech to song and back again with total fluency

That kind of ensemble hardly exists today, and adjustments need to be made. This time the singing and the acting were divided. Kaiser's text had been boiled down by Jeremy Sams to a witty linking narration and to translations of extracts from the original smartly delivered by a cast of three, while the vocal numbers were allotted to a separate roster of singers.

It was a useful, pragmatic compromise, though one that altered the balance between words and music in a signifi-cant way. Kaiser and Weill were careful to integrate their contributions, so that the result did not stray into the alienation so beloved of Brecht's Epic Theatre, Here, with the strands of narrative dialogue and music made so distinct, that kind of distancing was inevitable, and the texture of the original concep-tion, a sense of what The Sil-ver Lake really was like at

those fateful first performances, was hard to grasp. There is a tough satirical edge to this strange and rather perplexing fairy tale, and satire in Germany in 1983 was a dangerous art. Not enough of that danger and irony really came through.

This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

the court to answer is whether

discrimination based on sex"

Ms Grant had applied to BR

in Southampton where she

worked for a concessionary

travel pass for her partner Jill

Percey, but was refused on the basis that the privilege was accorded only to opposite-sex

includes discrimination based

on sexual orientation.

Europe court to rule in test

case on gay rights at work

Microsoft tightens grip continued from page 1 spent last year touring Africa, or give them the latest infor-Alt present, thes a destrict, separate fathers of information. They tard to be stored One or two words of highlighted text, formatted in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), that link other files, data or services within the PC (1) or on the A "file" will now be called a

mation on what caused the recent Ariane 5 accident.

"page", and it may well con-tain audio recordings and video clips of the holiday, as well as e-mail addresses of the best travel agents, hotels, cases, bars and bordellos— all the seatures now common-place on the World-Wide Web, the friendly face of the nternet. Microsoft has been gather

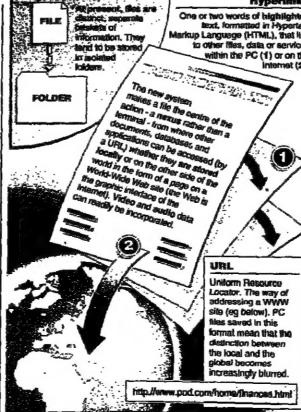
ing steam to make its presence felt ever since it de-cided eight months ago that the Internet was here to stay. This latest development a clever piece of software that brings the benefits of the Net into the home, is perhaps the most remarkable. "What we're doing is inte-

grating the best of the PC with the best of the Web." Martin Gregory, Microsoft UK's Internet software man-ager, said yesterday. "So you'll be able to do things like click forward and back buttons to move between pro-grams on your PC in the same way that you move between Web sites."

While the software tightens Microsoft's squeeze on the Internet, the good news is that it does not necessarily make existing hardware

However, users do have to commit themselves to Microsoft, and its range of products. The latest software is due to be part and parcel of the replacement for Windows 95, the Microsoft operating sys-tem launched last year and designed to make computing with a PC - from IBM or one

of its clones — as easy as it is on an Apple Mac. The new operating system, which Microsoft has dubbed "Nashville", is not due to be released until next year. But the software is already being swopped across the Internet



by enthusiasts. Until Nash-ville is released, Microsoft will incorporate this latest development in the fourth version of its Internet Explorer browser, software designed for surfing the net.

The company plans to begin tests of the next version over the next few months. The software is due to be available free to surfers able

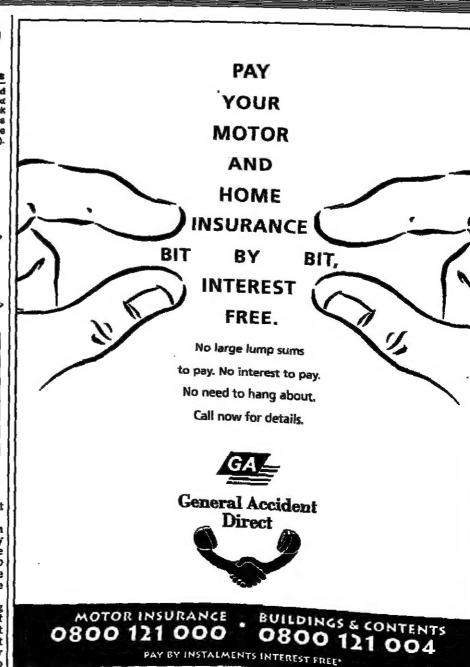
to download programs from the Microsoft Web site. Microsoft is trying hard to gain ground on its American arch rival in the market for browser software, Netscape. About 80 per cent of surfers currently use Netscape Navi-gator. But Microsoft's latest standards.

technology may have given it the edge.

that, Microsoft yesterday combined with Intel, the world's largest microchip manufacturer, to launch the latter's Internet Phone programme.

Programmes for making bonecalls via the Internet have been available for about two years, but they have not been very successful: usually people have only been able to talk one way at a time with long pauses, like the early days of ham radio.

The new programme is said to be based on international



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Leftwing challenge to leadership's cabinet slate boosted by surprise entrants, but some MPs accuse whips of strong-arm dissuasion

Seven defy Blair's shadow poll edict

EVEN Labour MPs last night broke for tomorrow's shadow cabinet elections, in addition to the official leadership "slate" - the current 19strong line-up which Tony Blair wants to retain as his

cabinet in waiting". grip exercised by Mr Blair party unity, three surprise entrants had put their names forward when nominations closed last night.

They are leftwing back-benchers Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North), Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West) and Lynne Jones (Birmingham Selly Oak). As expected, fellow leftwingers Tony Banks (Newham NW), Paul Flynn (Newport West) and Chris Mullin (Sunderland South)
also put their names forward.

and his whips to maintain lengers are Ann Clywd, who party unity, three surprise is likely to attract votes from entrants had put their names Welsh members and the left. wing, and in protest at Mr Blair's shadow health secretary, Harriet Harman, who sent her child to a selective grammar school, and Jack Cunningham, who failed to get elected last time but was nevertheless appointed as

heritage spokesman.
The leadership wants to retain the existing team, with Mr Cunningham replacing The two mainstream chal- woman Joan Lestor, who has

decided not stand for re-elec-tion on medical grounds. Nominations closed after a

Labour MPs yesterday com-plained of as "strong-arming". All Labour's 90 remaining frontbench spokesmen and women decided not to stand, while dissidents such as leftwinger freme Adams were dissuaded at the last were dissuaded at the last minute. She has yet to be reselected as candidate in Paisley North and MPs hinted at discreet pressure from her slate, something the whips

The real tests will be the extent to which Ms Clywd splits six whips.

Ms Harman's vote, and to which MPs ignore the whips' lot will be declared tomoxrow their anger at the way they splits in a boost to her cause, the split split anger at the way they split in a boost to her cause, the split in

advice to stick to the slate. Last night leftwingers claimed the leadership had "the contest in the bag" because at least 35 MPs have registered proxy votes in order to leave Westminster

is expected to use the line-up as the basis for his first cabi-net, he is technically free to choose a new team should he become Prime Minister.

Yesterday Blairite MPs were insisting that the day
was "very quiet. There is
very much a feeling of comradeship — the important
thing is to get the elections

their anger at the way they had been discouraged from standing in supposedly free and democratic elections. to stand, a Scottish colleague said last night; "I was very surprised since last week she was adamant that she was go-ing to stand. But I think she was reminded over the weekend of her vulnerability. Despite the party backlash against Ms Harman, whips

3,000-strong Medical Practi-tioners Union — the doctors' section of MSF and the only medical organisation affili-ated to the Labour Party expressing its "full and en-thusiastic confidence in Harriet Harman". Its president, Stephen Watkins, said: "Har-riet has been an immensely retary and she will be an out-





Adjusted for population growth and cinema ticket inflation, Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in Gone with the Wind would have taken nearly four times the amount grossed by ET, and Julie Andrews in The Sound of Music would have nearly doubled the Jurassic Park takings





BBC axes 60 monitoring station jobs

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

SIXTY jobs were axed yesterday at the BBC's monitoring station at Caversham in a fresh blow to the international prestige of

the World Service.

The BBC blamed the redundancies on a £1.2 million effiin Foreign Office funding.
It coincided with news that

a BBC governor has promised to raise concerns of World Service staff at a meeting with the corporation's chair-

man on Thursday.
Richard Eyre, director of the Royal National Theatre, was the only member of the 12-strong board of governors to respond to protest letters from staff angered by the BBC's management shake-up. In a letter to staff at the ser-

vice's Bush House headquarters, he is understood to have saying. I will raise your concerns at the next meeting."

man, Sir Christopher Bland, will defend the changes at a meeting with Malcolm Rificind, the Foreign Secre-tary. He has written to 242 MPs who signed a Commons motion expressing concern, with "an unhesitating guar-antee" the service will not be

about 12 per cent of the 500 workforce. BBC Monitoring supplies information gath ered from TV, radio, and news agencies in 140

tween 50 and 60 jobs were going and that Andrew Hills, director of monitoring was holding meetings with the National Union of Journalists and Bectu, the broadcasting

World Service broadcasting faces £6.5 million efficiency savings, and Caversham had to find 21.2 million. The BBC is warning

two foreign language could also be closed. Sir Chris-

topher wrote MPs: "We intend to make sure the distinctiveness of the

World Service is preserved considerable ... But they are designed to strengthen the

He is likely to meet Mr Rifkind with Bob Phillis, the deputy director general, and Sam Younger, World Service managing director. The BBC said it had never been anticipated that director general John Birt, who went on holiday yesterday, would attend.

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Frankly, everyone gave a damn

Dan Glaister on the biggest movie earners of all time:

O HOME, ET. Stay in the water, Jaws. The most successful movie of all time is Gone With The Wind. As the latest Hollywood blockbuster, the aliens-are-coming caper Independence Day, breaks records with box-office takings of almost £129 million in two weeks, a survey in New York magazine shows that, at today's prices and with today's potential audience, Gone With The Wind would have taken £1,669 million.

Second place in the readjusted rankings is The Sound Of Music, with £629 million, and third the 1956 biblical epic The Ten Commandments, taking £559

The highest placed film of the modern era is Star Wars, made in 1977, which comes in fourth and recent blockbusters such as Jurassic Park and Forrest Gump just make the top 20.



price, and the available US audience having doubled, most top film lists feature the last three decades. But

of the blockbuster is not Steven Spielberg or George With average cinema by adjusting for population nick, producer of Gone ticket 19 times the 1939 growth and inflatio 1 these With The Wind.

other surprises: the 1956 film Around the World in 80 Days is at number 10, with takings of £361 million at today's prices, while The Exorcist, the most controversial film on the list, at number nine with tak-ings of £363 million, is sure

Julie Andrews manages two entries in the top 20, with The Sound Of Music in second place and Mary Pop-pins at number 15, with takings of £284 million. Spielberg has four films in the top 20, with total tak-

ngs of £1,477 million. All of the Star Wars trilogy, made by Spielberg's some-time colleague George Lu-cas, are in the top 20, with combined takings of £1,073 million. Outside the top 20, the

quality of the films be-comes decidely variable. Beverley Hills Cop is at number 21. Grease at number 22, and Animal House at number 24, one place above Home Alone.

The average ticket price in 1939, the year of Gone With The Wind's rele was 15 pence. By the time The Sound Of Music was sed in 1965 it had risen to 67 pence and 12 years later it had more than doubled to £1.48.

I'S JUST E89 TO EITHER FRANCE OR BELGIUM WITH SALLY FERRICS

Former Panorama chief takes charge of resurgent BBC2

AFORMER Panorama edi-tor - in charge when John Birt, the director general, pulled a critical economic report on the eve of the election — was yesterday appointed controller of BBC2.
Mark Thompson, BBC TV's glous programme Everyman.

head of factual programmes, will take over the channel's £328 million annual budget in the autumn. He succeeds Michael Jackson, who has been named director of television and controller of BBC1. Mr Thompson, aged 38, joined the BBC in 1979 as a

£120,000-plus job, beating off competition from Paul Hamann, head of documenta-ries, and Jeremy Gibson, head of features at Bristol. Others on the shortlist included Peter Salmon, Granada's director of broadcasting, Kim Evans. head of music and arts, and Jana Bennett, head of science

has been the only channel to increase its audience share. In 1995 this grew from 10.3 per cent to 11.2 per cent, pushing first time in three years. Christopher Graham has been appointed secretary of the BBC, assisting the governors in their role over



There was a time, from the late eighties to the early nineties, when London belonged to me. I was the Queen of the Groucho Club, and I totally enjoyed it. But now there's a kickback from this. There are only so many nights you can sit in the Groucho Club doing cocaine up to your eyeballs, hanging out with toot Londray.

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Blind beggar jailed for murder

A BLIND beggar was jailed for life at Bristol crown court yesterday for beating a man to death. The jury unanimously found street busker David Workman, aged 20, guilty of the murder of Najinder Singh Bharj, 48, at Singh's flat in Glouces-

Workman, a guitar player, showed no emotion as the life sentence was passed by Mr Justice Moses on the sixth day of his trial, Workman, blind since birth, had denied murdering Mr

Singh.

The jury was told a friend had taken him to Singh's flat after he had been drinking and taking drugs. He immediately began punching and kicking Mr Singh, the Crown claimed. In a taped 999 call to police he admitted the killing, claiming he attacked singh because he believed he had molested a schoolboy. Home Office pathologist Bernard Knight said Singh probably died, from a blow to his adam's apple. Workman claimed he had not intended to cause serious injury.

Benefits workers' strike vote

BENEFITS Agency workers have voted to strike in a dispute over safety in their offices, threatening disruption to the payment of benefits. Members of the Civil and Public Services Association voted by 5.449 to 4.434 to take industrial action in protest at plans to pay the Jobseeker's Allowance from unscreened offices.

Union leaders must now decide their next move. Christine Kirk, the union's Benefits Agency secretary, said the vote reflected the anger of workers, even though the ballot turnout was only about 40 per cent.

"The department is saying there is nothing to worry about, but our members obviously don't agree. We have tried everything to resolve this dispute, including a direct appeal to the Secretary of State. A strike ballot was the last resort and I believe a strike is

Industrial action would disrupt the payment of income support, unemployment benefit, social fund and other benefits at offices throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

Protesters board submarine

MINISTRY of Defence police were investigating last night how two women peace protesters managed to board a nuclear-powered submarine berthed in a Royal Navy base.

The women used scuba gear and the cover of darkness to enter the Clyde Submarine Base, home of Britain's Trident nuclear deterrent, early yesterday, and climbed the gangplank of HMS Sceptre, a hunter-killer submarine.

Friends claimed they even had time to make a phone call from the submarine before being arrested by navy personnel and

handed over to MoD police. They were charged under local bylaws and with committing a breach of the peace, then rele

£100,000 for pregnancy

A WOMAN who became pregnant after a sterilisation operation yesterday accepted £100,000 from the health authority responsible

Zoe Bell, aged 39, of Stock. Essex, had decided that two children were enough after the difficult birth of her second son in 1987. Surgeons at Basildon hospital, Essex, cut her fallopian tubes in September 1989, but the following year she conceived again and her third son, Reece, was born in February 1991.

Mrs Bell sued Basildon and Thurrock health authority (now

South Essex), alleging she was not warned that fallopian tubes might "recanalise". Her compensation claim included the expense of having an unplanned baby and loss of earnings—she hintended to return to work soon after her second son was born.

The High Court heard that she and her husband. John. had decided to accept an offer of £100,000, plus legal costs, from the health authority, which admitted liability.

Murder delaved

MURDER ONE fans will have to wait to find out how the 23-part American courtroom drama ends. Viewers inundated BBC2 with complaints after it postponed the ending until after the Olympics. Sky One offered to show the last three episodes, but was blocked yesterday when BBC lawyers took out an injunction.

Apology

ON MAY 28, 1996, the Guardian published an article about the English football team's recent tour of the Far East in which they included references to both Jarvis Astaire and Mark McCormack The article suggested untruthfully that the tour was arranged less for the FA's financial gain than for the long-term benefit of individuals such as Mr Astaire and Mr McCormack acting in association with each other. Yesterday in court Martin Davies, representing the Guardian, apologised to both Mr Astaire and Mr McCormack, who were represented by David Gore and Lee Newman respectively. The Guardian also agreed to pay undis-closed damages and costs.







Mahendra Karia (top left) who worked in a family-run shop, daughter Chandni, aged four, and Majuri Karia with two-year-old Shrina. They are all believed to have died from injection

Family of five 'poisoned in suicide pact'

Toxicology test to be carried out nicelly diverse community who live in the St Mary's neighbourhood of the coastal after police find syringe at home was a Hindu, part of the ethnically diverse community we got him a chair."

The brother came back flouse, said: "When I parked that the Karias were a solid t

Rusridh Nicoll

OLICE were last night investigating the possibility of a suicide pact after a post mortem revealed poison in the bodies of a family of five found dead in their

took the lives of their three children, Chandni, aged five, Shrina, aged two, and four-month-old Bijal before killing themselves.

A police spokesman con-firmed that a syringe was found at the house and police believe all five members of the family died from lethal in-

town. The area was rated as the most deprived in the South-east last December. He was rumoured to have finan-cial problems.

Lesley Tudor had been in bed late on Sunday night when there was a knock on her door. Her ex-partner, who was visiting their sick child, answered to find the Karias' Southampton living room jections. Further toxicology tests are being carried out.

Hampshire police suspect that Mahendra Karia, aged 44, and his wife Majuri, aged 39, grocer's shop in Portsmouth, and he said. "Then he asked if he

he could not get in and the Tudors went back to bed. A few moments later they heard the brother, who had managed to get in the front, start screaming. He had discovered the

bodies lying together in the living room The family had been last seen on Friday when Ms Tudor saw Mrs Karia hanging

her washing in the back

taurant, the Bombay Balti House, said: "When I parked my car I got out and asked a policeman what had hap-pened. Of course they wouldn't say anything and so I spoke to one of the family, It was a good family. When they came out They would always tree infant and nursery

The Karias were Gujerati-speaking Hindus who had emigrated from Kenya in the 1970s. There are thought to be 125 Hindu families in Southampton, the majority of whom fled Idi Amin's regime in Uganda. The culturally di-

that the Karias were a solid family. Majuri, who she knew well, was "a very good per-son" and the children used to

school. The head teacher, Bob May, said the family was devoted

"Mr Karia was very in-volved with the children. He used to buy them reading books and read with the girls", he said. "He had high hopes for the children and ex-

Costa tourists ignore Whitehall terror warning

Sarah Boseley

RITONS heading for Spain should been Spain should bear in mind the upsurge of terrorist activity on the Costa Dorada, the Foreign Office advised vesterday — while stopping short of telling them to stay away. Around 10 million Britons

are expected to visit Spain this year and mass cancella-tions would seriously affect

the tourist industry there, as well as tour operators who would be forced to pay compensation if the FO instructed frippers to stay away. So far, despite Saturday's

bomb at Reus airport, it

seems few holidaymakers have been put off. Keith Betton, head of corporate affairs at the Association of British Travel Agents, said:

People are not cancelling holidays, "We have talked to custom ers who have phoned us and let them make their own decisions. If they choose not to go they are likely to lose the money they have paid be-cause there is no legal obliga-tion on tour operators to pay

compensation if the Foreign Office says it's safe." In its travel advice issued last night, the Foreign Office acknowledged that ETA, the Basque separatist movement,

appeared to have resumed last summer's campaign of setting off small bombs in tourist resorts. Until Saturday, it said, little injury or damage had been

ione, but the Reus bomb injured a large number of

Among the 33 taken to hos-pital were 24 British and

British consular officials were meeting the Spanish au-thorities yesterday and Abta was talking to Spain's tour-

ism representatives to ensure all possible security measures were being taken. "We want to drive home to

Spain's director of tourism that if there are alarms at an airport you do something about it right away, not in 25 minutes," said Mr Betton, referring to reports that a warning was given to a Span-ish newspaper a considerable time before the Reus bomb

went off. However, Spain's security minister, Ricardo Marti Fluchsa, said the warning

came too late. "Bombs are very difficult to forecast and very difficult to prevent." he told BBC radio. "At Reus, we were told

who both had shrapnel inju-ries from the blast, said yes-terday that each believed the other had been killed. Tom

O'Mahony, from Dublin, lay in a foreign hospital unable to feel his broken leg and think ing his broken reg and miniming his mother was dead.

Tom, who is now off the critical list, said: "It was awful Nobody spoke English. I couldn't feel my leg or anything. I felt terribly alone.
"When the bomb went off I
thought it was like a dream. I

there would be a bomb at 8.30pm, but that was not true

A boy of 10 and his mother,

and when the authorities four people dragged me and started to evacuate, it was too brought me outside." His 46ear-old mother, Una. said she saw him lying in a heap on the ground as she was stretchered out of the airport but the ambulance crew could

my mum, I was dragging my

injured leg around and then

not understand her cries. "The ambulance drove away and I did not know if my son was dead or alive," she

She then spent a night worrying about her son.

After the pair were reunited on Sunday afternoon, Tom said: "I was really happy when I saw her again.

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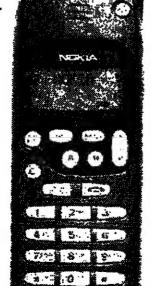


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'Our gifted taken'

Geoffrey Gibbs and Paul Webster in Paris

HE grieving parents of Caroline Dickinson, the Cornish schoolgirl a school trip to France, spoke yesterday of the crime that robbed them of their "quiet, loving and gifted" daughter.

A statement read out on their behalf by a local priest was accompanied by one of Caroline's poems (right). Its opening lines carry chilling echoes of her death in a youth hostel dormitory at Pleine Fougères, Brittany. Caroline. a pupil at Launceston College.

Judicial sources in Saint-Malo yesterday refused to comment on British press reports that they were close to making an arrest. But suggestions that the investigation was being scaled down were dismissed by the Foreign Office and by British

Embassy officials in Paris. Police have again ques tioned the eight people in the hostel who were not part of

the Cornish party. All the murder squad detec tives called in are said to be still involved in the



Small child crying, weeping. dying,

Rushing past the concrete vas murdered as she slept on a mattress on the floor.

Lying on the concrete floor.

Friendship

Alone on the concrete floor. No one worries, life full of

Someone hops, halts, stops. Standing by the concrete floor. Child looks up, hope, bright luck?

Friendship happens, opens. Away from the concrete floor. Life is complete, happy, amiry, Through the summer days of

Caroline's parents agreed to make their statement on condition that they and their family were not disturbed any further by the media. The statement, read out by the Rev Tim Newcombe, vicar

of Launceston, said their lives had changed forever.
"We have lost a quiet, lov

ing and gifted daughter. Caro-line's death has robbed us,

however, not only of a daugh-

ter but of someone who had already become our very best "Caroline had so much to look forward to and so many plans for the future, which we were doing all we could to

help her to fulfil.
"Though the circumstance in which Caroline died are a revelation of real evil, the care, love and support we have received from everyone in Launceston and far away is a great help which we value." Pupils returning to school for the last week of term laid floral tributes to their classmate before attending assem-

blies in her memory. Emily Hughes expressed the anger of many in a note which said: "I hope the man that took your life gets a long and painful punishment. God may forgive him, but I know I

Royal Ballet seeks new venue as Albert Hall declines hospitality

was looking everywhere for sight in the world."

Dan Glaister Arts Correspondent

THE Royal Opera House's plans to move to other venues while its base in Covent Garden, London, is closed, started to unravel yesterday when the Royal Albert Hall announced it would not host the Royal Ballet during the two year redevelopment period.

The ballet, which shares the Opera House with the Royal Opera, will now be left to look for a large, arens-type venue for the 20 performances it wanted to give at the Albert Hall. The snub to the ballet was compounded when it emerged the English National Ballet, which has

been negotiating with the Albert Hall for five years, is close to announcing a regular presence at the Albert Hall. Keith Cooper, director of

week season but they were vital weeks because they were in a large venue where we would have been able to attract a lot of revenue.

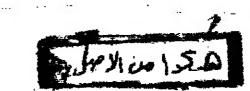
Patric Deuchar, chief executive of the Royal Albert Ball, said the decision bad been motivated by pressure on the Albert Hall's calen-dar, and its responsibility to its regular users, many of whom are small groups. Richard Shaw, English National Ballet's head of public affairs, said: "It is an unfortunate irony our discussions with the Albert Hall have come to fruition at the same time as the Royal Ballet is looking for

somewhere."
English National Ballet is inderstood to be creating new works for the Albert Hall as part of a 10 performance season for next spring. We would like to make it part of our annual performing cycle," said Mr kenth Cooper, director of corporate affairs at the Opera House, said: "We're very disappointed. It is only three weeks of a 20 at reasonable prices."

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Callers to charity helpline give insight on lives 'blighted by bullying'

Ethnic minority children 'still suffer racism daily'

THNIC minority racial harassment on a daily basis, according to a report published by the char-ity ChildLine yesterday.

Despite years of progress in race relations the lives of many young people were being blighted by unrelenting bullying and abuse, it said. Researchers analysed the case records of more than helpline who had experienced racism in the year to March 1995: Although they formed a

callers in the period. Child-Line insisted that the findings were significant. Callers came from backgrounds including African, three boys who poured petrol Afro-Caribbean, Asian, Jewish over her and called her names.

tiny percentage of the 90,000

was hitting her. Now he's hitting me and calling me 'half-breed' and 'nigger' be-

— Mandy, aged 14 "I am being builted by girls at school because I'm slightly tanned. It's being going on for five years. My mum says ignore it, but I can't."—Simone, 12

"I'm coloured. They call me

just want to be respected."

and Irish. Most described themselves as British. In many cases, the perpetra-tors were other young people. One in four callers said they had suffered racist bullying. Many were alraid to discuss it with their families or teachers. A girl aged 13 said she had been attacked after school by

'They call me black bitch' "I'm half-caste. I've been bullied about it for 10 years. I feel like killing my-self sometimes." — Jason, 16 "Mum has left because dad

> ing to school.
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> Ethnic minority children in predominantly white schools were most at risk of harassment, the report concludes. Around 75 per cent of those bullied described themselves either as the only one in their class or school or as one of very few similar children.

experienced racism in the home — usually those who were in relationships their parents found unacceptable Around half described their families as racist. Some had "I hate myself, I hate my father. He made me black." Valerie Howarth, Child-Line's chief executive, said:

Line's chief executive, said:
"These are not isolated incidents. For many young people
these are a way of life."
Herman Ouseley, chairman
of the Commission of Racial
Equality, which is supporting
ChildLine's campaign, along
with Mizz magazine and Crime Concern, said the findings reminded him of his experi-ences as a child in the 1950s. "For too many young people, growing up in Britain today means facing racially moti-vated violence and persistent

Heathrow heat | Umpire juggles tops Caribbean with evidence

ITY the people who booked a summer holiday in Bermuda — England was warmer yesterday

Temperatures were high across most of the country with 32C (90F) recorded at RAF Marham in Norfolk and However there was rain in and Mohammed Naseem, both Scotland and Northern aged 19, who was due to be Ireland, with temperatures a married early next month,

low 15C (59F). Holidaymakers heading abroad were having something of a wasted journey Bermuda could only muster 81F, Corfu 82F and Nice in the south of France, 77F. Sun-worshippers would have been better advised to stay at

Heathrow where tempera-tures reached 31C (89F). The weather caused discomfort with workers minimising their attire. Invest-ment banker SBC-Warburgs ing shorts because we have a casual dress policy. They were smart shorts however."

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spokesman for Wiltshire Fire Brigade said: "We are bringing staff in to crew the appliances. We are dealing with a lot of field and grass fires: The fields are very dry, and any misuse of cigarettes or matches starts a fire."

The heat prompted a warning about cooling off in reservoirs and canals, following the death of two teenagers at Ogden Water reservoir near Halifax on Sunday.

were in a group sunbathing by the reservoir. Two jumped into the water in spite of warning notices. One reached safety but Asif got into diffi-culties and drowned, together with Neseem, whose body has not been recovered, who swam out to try and help him. Yorkshire Water and Cal-

derdale council repeated warnings that reservoirs warnings that reservoirs were lethal especially in hot temperatures which increased the risk of death by shock. The cold water is thought to have exhausted the two victims, who were both young and heathy, far more rapidly than they could have to say, called them rapidly. busy with grass fires. A forseen.

cricket field entered the High Court yesterday when an ex-umpire imitated a wicket keeper in action by hurling a ball joyously from hand to hand in the witness box.

Don Oslear, senior in-structor for the Association of Cricket Umpires, did so to show the jury what England's Bob Taylor had done after Ian Botham threw a new ball to him in the 1982 Oval Test against India. Mr Oslear said that every time he had walked on to a

cricket field the wicket-keeper would shout for the ball and would then slap it from one glove to the other.
"I think it's so they can
ensure that they get the feel of the ball". He dismissed the allegation that Botham threw the ball to Taylor to

they say, called them racist, tain, will give evidence.

class and upbringing. Mr Oslear said cricket balls could be knocked out of shape "by many things — clattering against iron rail-ings, indeed going through glass windows". He denied that it was

common practice for cer-tain bowlers to pick at the taken part with Botham in five Tests and never seen him tamper with a ball. Taylor denied he tam-pered with the ball during

the 1982 Test. It was com-

mon practice for a wicket keeper to try to get the ex-cess moisture off a new ball, and to get the feel of it. Robin Smith, the England batsman, spoke of an incldent in a winebar before a Lords Test in 1991. Imran Khan had asked how Pakistani bowler Aqib Javed was settling in at Hamp-shire, Smith's county side. "There was an incident when Javed had tampered with the ball. Imran sug-

ested that he should be a little more careful." The hearing continues today, when David Sower,



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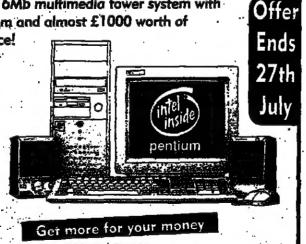
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Tutsi victims relied on BBC radio to counter streams of Hutu 'lies'

Kigali recalls how the World Service became the voice of sanity amid the deluge of deaths and propaganda two years ago in Rwanda

Chris McGreal in

HE FIRST word of the spokesman for a 600-strong cataclysm ahead had RPF contingent trapped in Kicome between the classisic and hate tirades on Radio Mille Collines. But Tom Ndahiro had heard so many lies on the no-torious voice of Hutu extrem-

ism he did not know whether to believe the report that Rwanda's president had been assassinated. Then the phone rang. It was the BBC. Many can claim to have turned to World Service radio for verification during the early, often confusing hours of fory in the making. But Mr

Ndahiro got confirmation of what was to prove the kick start to genocide two years ago as the BBC sought his opinion on how the overwhelming Tutsi Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) would react. He

Save the World Service

gali's parliament building awaiting final implementation of a peace agreement when President Juvenal Habyarimana was assassinated. It doomed the peace deal, and hundreds of thousands of people to terrible deaths. "Radio Mille Collines was

the first to announce the death but we didn't know if it was true because there were so many lies on that radio. I realised it was true when the BBC called me. They wanted an interview in Swahili. When my brother in Dar-es-Salaam [Tanzania] heard me he didn't imagine I would sur-vive." he said.

State-run Radio Rwanda was only mildly more restrained.
During those first few days inside the parliament building surrounded and outnumbered by Hutu forces.
Tom Ndahiro was provided by the BBC with a crucial link beyond Rwanda's borders. The phone was cut not ders. The phone was cut not long after his chat with the Swahili service. "We had Radio Mille Collines going berserk telling people to kill Tutsis. We all listened to it

because we had to know what because we had to know what they were saying. The BBC provided some psychother-apy," he said.

Not that he agreed with all the BBC had to say. While local radio spewed hatred, Mr. Ndshire says the World Ser. Ndahiro says the World Service initially fell badly short by relying on Hutu stringers who made no mention of the

unfolding genocide.
"The information given by the local correspondents didn't mention the reality. They didn't mention the massacres at all. But it wasn't easy even for the BBC to know the truth at first. No one could know exactly what

was happening," he said.
"The arrival of [BBC World Radio is a potent force in Service East Africa corre-Rwanda, where there is no television. Radio Mille Colvery big difference. Then the

lines provided the rallying picture was getting out. And cry for genocide with its ex-hortations to kill Tutsis. formed on what was happening at the United Nations and how the world was not going to do anything to put a stop to

As the full scale of the atrocities unfolded before Mr Ndahiro, the BBC also showed how different things on the news but there was also the South African elections. Whereas you had South Africa, which had been under apartheid, stepping forward, we were stepping back a thousand years.

The BBC is now to more Rwandans through a service in Kinyarwanda, albeit for just 15 minutes a day, part of which is dedicated to trying to reunite children with their families.

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My World Service



David Bryer

XFAM staff have been ringing or writing in the last fortnight and asking "what is going on?". From Azerbaijan to Zimbabwe they, and the locals they work with,

are worried about the plans for the World Service. Ever since I started working for Oxfam I have listened to the World Service. From the 1970s when I was working in Lebanon during the civil war, to a visit I made recently to Burundi, I have found it to be the best source of objective information there is. Knowing what was going on, where and when, could be a matter of life and death.

It seems to us that what John Birt proposes will be bad for the BBC, bad for Britain and worst of all, bad for listen ers. What we fear is that the World Service will be swallowed up, or at least damaged, by the agenda of the domestic

services, and that in the process it will lose its raison d'être which is truly for nation to speak unto nation.

Many of the problems of today's world are rooted in false propaganda. Conflict is fuelled by inaccurate and biased reporting. The World Service has stood out as the

purveyor of accurate informa-tion. Its future cannot just be a detail in the great plan to make the BBC more efficient. It is about actually beloing to make the world a better and more peaceful place.

David Bryer is director of Oxfam (United Kingdom/ Ireland).



He was played by a pubescent girl in lurex tights with a woolly dog's head; a sort of Snowy meets the Sans-Culottes. Sebastian Faulks

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OUTH East Asian gov-ernments seeking to build closer ties with Burma will today hear the concerns of the European Union and western Pacific rim states over continuing political repression in the

country.

The determination of Western delegations to air these concerns against the wishes of the host Indonesia will inject a note of discord into the six-day series of meetings which so far have celebrated the prospects of Burma joining the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean). East Asian Nations (Asean).
Asean admitted Burma as

an observer at the weekend as a first step towards full membership, a process it is ex-pected to complete before the end of the decade.

end of the decade.

The Irish foreign minister,
Dick Spring, met his Burmese
counterpart, Ohn Gyaw, yesterday to convey "strongly"
the EU's "deep and serious"
concerns over what it sees as
the deteriorating political sitmention in Rurma nation in Burma

nation in Burma.
As current chairman of the EU Council of Ministers, Mr Spring was later asked if the Burmese had been receptive. He said: "I think they certainly understood the

concerns."

EU governments have stalled Danish calls for economic sanctions against nomic sanctions against Burma, referring the matter for study. But officials say Mr Spring will make it clear today that the EU sees developments in Burma as "fairly negative" and that relations will suffer if they remain so. The US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, who arrived in Jakarta yesterday, has also distanced the Clinton administration from calls for

administration from calls for sanctions. But he said Washington wants talks to see what steps Asean might be pre-pared to take "to try to ensure that the regime in Burma does not take additional repressive action and pro-vides more openness for their

people."
"We're very concerned about the situation in Burma," he added.

of a country such as Burma, then of contarnished by political represipunished."

sion and human rights

But Asean leaders show no sign of responding to an ap-peal from the Burmese pro-de-mocracy leader Aung San mocracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi for pressure on the ruling junta. Asean governments concede that there are what the Indonesian foreign minister, Ali Alatas, de-scribes as "some problems" in Burma. But they deny that this implies a failure of their "constructive engagement"

policy towards Rangoon.

They have also dismissed with some irritation the opinion voiced last week by the European Commission vice-president, Manuel Marin, that Burma's admission to Asean could turn EU ties with the association.

the association.

Mr Ohn Gyaw has sought to reassure Asean by pledging that Burma is committed to creating a multi-party political system and by acknowledging that it will have to adjust its legal system to meet.

Asean standards.

He sought yesterday to placate the EU by handing Mr
Spring a report on the death
in custody of James Nichols, the former honorary consul of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Switzerland. Rangoon had ignored earlier requests for a full medical report.

But at a press conference, Mr Ohn Gyaw blamed Mr Nicols' death on his eating "something incompatible with his health" and resisted calls for an independent

calls for an independent autopsy as interference.

The Burmese foreign minister, defying calls for reconcilitation with Ms Suu Kyi, made clear that Burma's ruling generals saw no need for dialogue with "an individual". His comments coincided with a commentary in the state-run press in Burma saying the press in Burma saying the "actress" Suu Kyi would not satisfy qualifications to become an MP in the parlia-ment eventually to be created. In May, the Burmese gov-

ernment arrested 262 mam-bers of Ms Suu Kyi's party in an attempt to block a meeting where she had vowed to write an alternative constitution. Mr Ohn Gyaw insisted that those detained were not arrested: "They were invited and they were asked what

was the purpose of their meeternments are now saying though privately, that Asean may find its standing and reputation compromised by the admission to full membership have transgressed the law, many were still in detention, he said, "We do not arrest people at random. If they have transgressed the law, then of course they have to be a still a said."

Alphabet soup makes it all as clear as your SEANWFZ

Reuter in Jakarta

THE Association of South-east Asian Nations (Asean) has an A-to-Z list of hundreds of abbreviations to identify its varied

to identify its varied activities.

From AAA (Asean Airports Association) to Zopfan (Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality), the alphabet soup of a list spells out how the group that was founded to foster regional economic and culregional economic and cultural co-operation has ex-

panded in 29 years. There is still room for confusion. ACF encom-passes the Asean Cardiologist Federation, the Asean Cultural Fund and the Constructors

Some command atten-tion: Seasee is the South-east Asia Association on Seismology and Earth-quake Engineering.

Others are cumbersome: JAHWGS is the Joint Ad Hoc Working Group on Shipping; and BAAIJV stands for Basic Agreement on Asean Industrial Joint Ventures. Some are to the point:

BOP for the Board of Plan-ners; and MOP for the Margin of Tariff Preference. Many seem inscrutable: SEANWFZ for Southeast

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Li Peng, prime minister of China (top), inspects the flooding Yangtze in Wuhan, capital of Hubei province, as officials warn that the worst is yet to come, while citizens of south Bombay cool off in a flooded street

Floodwater pours into central Chicoutimi, Quebec, as a dam gives way under the pressure of more than a month's rain in two days **Beijing mobilises** 8 million to fight the rising waters

ILLIONS of people were battling yes-terday against central China which have al-ready killed more than 800. In Bangladesh and India, monsoon-related floods have monsour-reinted monsour-reinted hilled nearly 150 people and in Canada eight died when torrential rain caused rivers to burst their banks.

As rain, accompanied in some places by lightning and gale-force winds, continued over much of southern China, swelling the mighty Yangize river, officials warned of more to come.

"The new week brings the start of a 20-day period that is country's most dangerous in terms of floods," the official China Daily said. "It may be that the worst is yet to come." About 8 million officials, soldiers, police, reservists and military academy stu-dents have been mobilised to rescue people trapped by the floodwaters and to strengthen.

flood defences.

By last Thursday nearly 4 million people had been cut off by floods, while 810,000 homes had collapsed and 28 million had been damaged in eight provinces, the ministry of civil affairs said. Floods have killed at least 864 people in China this year and caused billions of pounds

worth of damage. But the state flood-control headquarters was "confident that the worsening situation would be under effective con-

trol as a whole". Military helicopters have been airlifting rice, medicine, clothing and tents to the stranded, officials said. The water level in China's largest fresh-water lake.

surged to 116ft, more than 3ft | above the previous high mark, a local official told Reuters by telephone.
"The water level is the

downpours is the longest ever," he said. "The area of farmland affected by floods is the biggest ever."
Officials warned that areas along the lower and middle reaches of the Yangtze, China's longest river, faced the risk of further flooding, put-

ting rice and rapeseed crops Rapeseed, harvested in June and July and expected to

There is not enough silo space, so usually the rapeseed is left in the open. So if it is giled up somewhere when

the rains come. that's it'

yield about 8 million tonnes, was under threat in Anhui and Guizhou provinces, a

Hong Kong trader said.
"There is not enough silospace, so usually the rapeseed is left in the open. So if it is piled up somewhere when the rains come, that's it." he said. But the waters bave receded in the south-western city of Liuzhou, which was totally inundated to a level of four storeys, and left with 12 to 16 inches of mud, a local official said. Workers were cleaning the streets and checking to see if houses were safe to live in.

The prime minister, Li Peng, toured Hunan and Hubei provinces at the weekend and urged their people "to start reconstruction and the highest ever ... the period of restoration of crop producreceded so as to have a bumper harvest in spite of the flooding", the Xinhua news

agency said.
The total economic losses from the flooding in Hunan, Hubei, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Anhui, Guizhou, Guangxi and Jiangsu provinces in central and southern China were estimated at about more than 60 billion yuan (about

In India, at least 30 people have been killed in landslides and 30 have died in floods in West Bengal state, bordering Bangladesh, since July 13.

Across the border in Bangladesh many people have taken refuge on the roofs of their half-submerged houses. while others have sought higher ground. People in shel-ters and those stranded in their flooded homes faced shortages of food, drinking water and other essentials, despite air-drops of relief goods by army helicopters, Bangladeshi officials said. Meanwhile, health officials

said yesterday that diarrhoea had broken out, affecting thousands of flood survivors. In eastern Canada several days of heavy rainfall led to a small dam bursting late on Sunday in the river city of Chicoutimi in Quebec, adding to the estimated 10,000 people forced out of their homes to emergency shelters.

Tens of thousands are without electricity and telephone service. Flooded roads have cut off suburbs and whole towns in central and eastern Quebec.

The authorities fear that several other dams may fail under the pressure.

Waiting for heaven is purgatory

Jessica Berry meets a family of devout Christians who moved from Michigan to Jericho in search of the hard life

wearing sackcloth and living in a small brick but in Jericho: they waved goodbye to modern civilisation 30 months ago to follow the Scriptures.

Their Palestinian hosts are bewildered. "Crazies," said one, raising his finger to his head. The feeling is mutual.

To Edair, nothing could be more natural than her new life. This world is a terrible place to live in, she said, full of crime, wars and materialism. Far better, she thought, to up sticks and leave Michigan for the Promised Land to prepare for the next life.

"We had to choose a citizenship in this world or the next, and we felt accountability to our Maker not to enjoy ourselves but to prepare for the next life." Edair and her husband through an opening in her Shomer - he used to be gown.

DAIR, her husband called Mark in Michigan—and seven children are are not Jews, they are Christians of a different sort they follow the Scriptures to the letter. So do their children.

They have nine now. Some are in sackcloth nappies, the rest in long white gowns. The girls wear headdresses, of course, because the Bible tells them to. They have done away

with the trappings of mo-dernity: watches, telephones, electricity — and graven images". Edair has forgotten how old she is:
"What year are we in? I think I'm 37."
"No you're not, you're

36, interrupted her five year-old. "We are on the path of light. Right now we are concentrating on the second commandment about images," Edair said, breast-feeding her youngest

"We have destroyed all | look after each other our wedding pictures and under their mother's no our passports. We thought we'd be able to use our When asked to do some passports to write in but we realised they were covered

in images." Their small brick barn is all but crumbling, but it provides shade. It has three rooms and a courtyard, which, if they

are not eating in it, they are cleaning with buckets of water. There is one bed, but Some of the nine

children are in sackcloth nappies, the rest in long white gowns

it is not to be slept in. Shomer — in his former life a chiropracter — still works sometimes, though not for money.

"In those days they used barter and exchange, so we do too," explained his wife. It is the children's job to keep the place clean and first.

thing the reply must be: "Sure, I'd be glad to." And whiny voices, adds Edair, do not go unnoticed. Mathia, aged 11 — Matthew in his former life — will be punished if he continues to

grumble, she said. Any child looking for an easy life should avoid this one. Life is not to be enjoyed, they are constantly

This, said Edair, putting her now well-fed baby in an iron cradle, "is the school of life. We teach the kids their character traits: impeccable honesty, etiquette, manners and carefulness in their work."

But their quest for the path of light has been slow, and at one stage seemed to be over before it had even begun. Israel wanted to deport them. But Palestiniancontrolled Jericho offered

to put them up.
Free at last, they now have a long wait until the next life or the second coming - whichever arrives

News in brief

'for poor'

India's coalition government presented its first budget yesterday to the disappointment of those looking for a more aggressive free-market approach.
Shares on the Bombay stock

exchange tumbled as the measures, described by the prime minister, H. D. Deve Gowda, as being "for the poor and the poorest of the poor", were announced. — Reuter.

Polis go-ahead

Gambia's military leader, Captain Yahya Jammeh, said yesterday that presidential elections would go ahead on September 11 despite warnings from the election committee that there is not enough time for organisation. Capt Jammeh said a ban on political parties would be lifted after an August referendum on the new constitution but that any political aspirant trying to cause trouble "will be executed and buried six feet deep". -- Router.

Vodka-free zones Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, decreed yesterday that spirits can no longer be sold been worst hit. - AP

India's budget | near schools, child-care cenchurches in the Russian capi-tal, which has a problem with drunks. Areas around rail-way stations, airports and military facilities are also offlimits for spirits sales. - AP.

Handy advice

Australian crocodile handlers have been told by a Queensland government publication, rather sensibly, not to "place any part of one's body in the mouth of a crocodile". Work on the guide began after a fatality on a crocodile farm in 1994. -- AP.

Bus ambushed

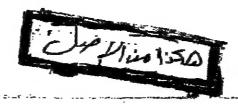
An armed group, thought to be Islamic militants, stopped a bus at a fake police check-point on Sunday and killed 12 passengers near the Algerian town of Keddara, about 30 miles south of Algiers, witnesses said. All the dead were employees of a state-owned truck manufacturer. — AP.

Poisoning spreads More than 8,200 people have now fallen ill in an outbreak of food poisoning in Japan being blamed on a virulent strain of the E. Coli bacteria. The western city of Sakai has

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Burundi herds Rwandans off to face uncertainties of home

Hutu refugees are 'choosing' the lesser of two evils, writes **Chris McGreal** in Butare

two years: stick with the

So yesterday he lifted his three small children on to the back of a lorry, hauled him-self in and desperately hoped he was making the right choice in going back to Rwanda for the first time in

two years.
"We left Rwanda because of "We left Rwands because use the war. Anybody could be killed. People were dying everywhere. It was not safe to go back even after the war. Rwandan officials say they because told us the killing was in Burundi to be sent army tells us we must go and I think if we stay we will be killed here in Burundi. Maybe it is more dangerous here than there," Mr Bigendo

soldiers surrounded thou-

weighed the odds and decided to do what he has done for the past tare province, Athanase Se-muhungu, promised the refugees proper treatment if they went home. He said he expected everyone to get on to the lorries. After that the camp would be destroyed. It was clear to everyone that Burundi and Rwanda were work-ing together to get them out. Mr Bigendo joined the

camps in Burundi to be sent back, although several thou-sand have taken to the hills to avoid repatriation.

Lorries, pick-up trucks and away for so long.

minibuses are delivering refugees to the horder he cause the United Nations has refused to participate in what it deems illegal expulsions. Mr Bigendo was delivered dren huddled around



in a container stamped "tran-sit cargo". From the back stared children who have no memory of life anywhere other than in the refugee camps. Perhaps that is just as well: their parents' memories are what have kept them

Mr Bigendo and his children were dumped at the Butare city, a 40-minute drive from the border. The chil-

father as soldiers made a cure sacre of Tutsi children, sory search of their meagre women and men in Burundi's belongings before the family joined the anaking lines to register for transport home, and collect some food.

The Burundian army says it gave the refugees a gentle push, and by the standards of some forced repatriations it restrained. The army ked a few shelters, tearing off the ubiquitous blue plastic sheeting given to every refugee. But no one spoke of violence.

Theoretically, any refugee is free to refuse to return to Rwanda, But foreign aid officials have been kept away from the repatriation on the Burundi side of the border so the only people to whom the refugees can make such a request are the soldiers herding them on to lorries. So far no one is known to have asserted his right to remain.

Mr Bigendo, like most other refugees, realises that what security he had was in numbers and that Burundi is not a good place to be a lone Hutu. The largely Tutsi army says it is in "hot pursuit" of Hutn

central Gitega area.

Although the military said there will be no reprisals, it is as notorious as the rebels for retribution against civilians and Hutn refugees are an easy target. Burundi's government has declared a week of

Mr Bigendo said he is keen to go home to his commune, Rubororo. But he has no idea what he will find when he gets there.
He does not know if some one has moved into his house

He does not know how his neighbours will greet him. Suspicion is east on anyone who remained a refugee for so long. Did they participate in the genocide? If they are not guilty of anything, why did they stay away? "No one can accuse me of

anything. I did nothing wrong during the war. I only staye away because everyone said it was dangerous in Rwanda. They told me Huns who went home were being killed. I do not know if it is true," he



A victim of a weekend massacre at Bugendana camp in Burundi's Gitega area. The army says Hutu rebels killed more than 300 displaced Tutsis, mostly women and children

News in brief

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Sri Lanka forces try to recapture base

way towards a large Sri Lankan army base that Tamil rebels claim to have captured after wiping out a 1,200 strong garrison. Warships were ferrying hundreds of infantrymen to join commandos flown in earlier by helicopter to lift the siege on the Mullaitivu camp, the deputy defence minister, Anuruddha Ratwatte, said yesterday. The battle was one of the deadliest in the 13-year civil war. - AP, Colombo.

Israel's army 'in the dark'

THE MILITARY analyst of a leading Israeli newspaper said yesterday that the prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, was withholding key military and political information from the army. Ze'ev Schiff claimed in the newspaper Ha'aretz that senior security officials knew nothing about Mr Netanyahu's plans for Hebron and said a decision to ease a closure on the West Bank

and Gaza Strip was not co-ordinated with them.
"Cards are being held close to the chest, hidden even from the army," he said. — Reuser, Jerusalem.

Priest repents on Holocaust

ABBE PIERRE, the French priest who was sharply criticised for supporting a revisionist text on the Holocaust, retracted ye day and apologised for the offence he had caused. The 83-year-old priest was rebuked last month by Church authorities after he praised a book which questioned the number of Jews killed by the Nazis and which accused is all of exploiting

US offers exit to Saudi staff

the Holocaust for political ends. - AP, Paris.

THE state department said yesterday that all United States government employees based in Saudi Arabia and their families could return home at government expense if they wished to do so for security reasons, a spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said the secretary of state, Warren Christopher, had approved the plan, but added. The US government is confident in the stability of Saudi Arabia and in its commitment to provide security for all Americans in the kingdom."—Rader, Washington.



Teenage venturer

in a 30ft yacht yesterday to try to become the youngest person to make a solo crossing of the Pacific. 'I think I may get lonely but I think I can aged 14 (left), told the Mainichi Shiminus nake it," Subaru Takahashi Shimbun newspaper, "I really look for ward to getting there." carrying water and food for two months and satellite and radio equipment to fix its position, Kyodo News said. Subaru, from Nilgata prefecture, hopes to complete the 6,000-mile journey to San rapcisco in 50 to 60 days. He made à 19 mile solo crossing of the Sado Strait by canoe at the age of nine, took up yatching at 10, and has had nours of intensive training for his voyage __AP, Tokyo

Robbery turns sour

AMUGGING suspect was sharmed when he learned who was charged with robbing — the 94-year-old mother of Vincent "The Chin" Gigante, the reputed boss of the country's most powerful crime family. New York Police Lieutenant Robert McKerma said Willie King had a "resigned look on his face, sort of saying. How could I be so stupid?".

Police said Yolanda Gigante was attacked on Sunday assiste.

walked near her home with her other son, the Rev Louis Gigants a Roman Catholic priest. The attacker took her purse. Mr King. aged 37, was arrested nearby.
Vincent Gigante has murder and racketeering charges pending.—Reuter, New York.



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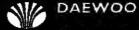
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The party at Number 10

Lord Nolan must examine all their funding

this week, so today is the last time that John Major will answer questions in the Commons until October 15. Between now and then, all political parties will be pushing their pre-election fundraising activities into top gear. It is therefore more than usually in the public interest that the Prime Minister is pressed today — with the support of other party leaders — to refer the issues raised by the Observer's weekend story about the Premier Club to the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life.

The Premier Club is an exclusive Conservative Party fundraising organisation. Its brochure says that, for a minimum fee of £10,000, members can receive a range of benefits, including dinners and lunches at Westminster, special hospitality at party conferences; attendance at Premier Club receptions, and priority reservation at party events. According to the Observer, which concluded that his job is "bigger "founder members" can also attend two and more complex than any other he dinners a year with the Prime Minister on payment of £100,000, a sum which the Tory Party disputes. The paper alleges that the club has advised wouldbe members how to ensure that their donations, which all go to party funds, are not disclosed as political but as 'entertainment" (sic).

The Conservative Party has responded to the allegations, not by denying them in substance, but by alleging that the Labour Party does something "all but identical" in the shape of its 1,000 Club. To the fair-minded outsider, there is evidently some truth in the counter-allegation made by Brian Mawhinney yesterday, since the 1,000 Club provides entry to dinners and receptions with senior party figures at Westminster during the year, as well as at party conference. In both cases, those rich enough to do so are rewarded with elite access to the party hierarchy, a transparent and better rules is compel-

PARLIAMENT rises for the summer amount to the buying and selling of influence and honours. The main difference appears to be one of scale -Labour's club costs £1,000, while the Conservatives' club costs a minimum of 10 times that amount, and allegedly a hundred times more.

But there is another difference. which the Conservatives cannot so lightly dismiss as they do. The Conservatives are the governing party, and their leaders are therefore government ministers. As such, they command and control an immense range of influence and rewards that are simply not open to the opposition parties, including government contracts, legislative changes and the award of honours.

If that is true of ministers in general, then it is true on an exponentially higher level of the Prime Minister. MPs have recently awarded the PM a large salary increase on the basis of a report which concluded that his job is "bigger UK economy". To which should be added "and more powerful", especially given the centralised nature of the British state and the powers of patronage available to the occupant of Number 10. It is disingenuous nonsense to pretend that the access to the Prime Minister which the Premier Club allows is not qualitatively more important than every other aspect of the political donation network.

Every part of this story, though, raises highly sensitive questions about these networks. The questions apply in some measure to the opposition parties as well as to the Government, but they take on unequalled importance in the government party's case. Lord Nolan has not yet been asked to examine party funding, but it is vital that he should be. As the pre-election fundraising season intensifies, the need for consistent, situation which, unregulated, could ling. Parliament should act today.



Postal workers may soon fall into the Government's trap

TO MOST people outside the industry. I ingereater flexibility and the end of job

the series of one-day postal strikes demarcations. These are not unreasonshould never have been allowed to happen. Here is a successful publiclyowned corporation with a proud productivity record, making good profits, which is seeking to achieve what the union has been asking for years - an end to the six-day week. But this doesn't justify the cack-handed way the Government is planning to suspend the PO's monopoly of delivery (of letters under £1) for a month from this Friday and for three months if more strikes are announced. Announcing this yesterday Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, had the nerve to say that "the resolution of this dispute is a matter for the Post Office and the union". Of of lifting the PO's monopoly is a totally unwarranted intervention, which can only inflame the situation. Whatever people think about the convoluted nature of the strike, it is being conducted wholly within standards laid down by this government as part of its trade union legislation. It doesn't even cause the disruption the Government implies. The strikes have been for one day at a time, for which it is easy to plan in advance. At worst, we wait a day extra for letters. And the postal industry is a rarity in that even after a one-day strike they still work a five-day week.

able requests but many union members fear that team-working -- each with its own leader - will dilute union power and lead (though the PO has denied it) to more part-time working and an end to second deliveries. These are major changes to prepare the PO for the next century when the information revolution may well erode the habit of letterwriting, which has been given an unexpected boost by the success of junk mail. The Communication Workers' Union is hardly a militant organisation. The fact that members voted more than two to one in favour of striking on a 75 per cent turnout is a fair reflection of the strength of feeling. But union leadcourse it is, and that is why the threat | ers know that even if the PO hasn't got a secret agenda, the Government has a very unsecret one: to privatise the PO. The only reason the PO hasn't been privatised so far is that public opinion has been against it. Most people are delighted that the PO has managed steadily to improve its productivity and profitability. But public opinion is a fragile flower and employees and management shouldn't take it for granted. The dispute is now with Acas, which is where it ought to be. The instinctive reaction of unions to crude threats like that posed by Mr Lang might be to dig their heels in deeper. They must resist The PO wants to trade the six-day the temptation because it would pro-

Saved by hereditary rites

The Lords vote on the Asylum Bill will hasten its oblivion

constitutional comments still ring true: status at the port. the cure for admiring the House of Lords is to go and look at it. Once more, issue of fundamental principle - the peers gave way yesterday to the Government's cynical Asylum and Immigration Bill. Remember, this was the tive Party Conference with a Greek ing his satisfaction with how well immigration played in the 1992 and 1994 squeezing asylum procedures as tight as seemed possible, ministers produced yet another bill plus another wheeze: withdrawing asylum seekers' rights to | ing the vote from hereditary peers.

OVER 100 years on, Walter Bagehot's | benefits unless they apply for refugee

The best description of this regulation - introduced in February ahead of an initial defiance of the Commons has | the bill - was provided in the Court of ended in ignominious retreat. On an Appeal in a judgment in June: a system which "no civilised nation can tolerright to seek political asylum - the ate". Undeterred, ministers ruthlessly introduced rushed emergency amendments to the Asylum Bill reinstating the very regulation which the Appeal bill launched at last year's Conserva- Court ruled unlawful. To their credit, the upper chamber initially said hold chorus: a Tory research director declar- on: at least grant the asylum-seekers three days' grace to apply for refugee status. But, overturned by the Comelections and a Tory chairman declar- mons, the Lords meekly complied yesing that this session's legislative pack- terday. There were spirited opponents age was designed to "smoke out" but the hereditary vote saved the day. Labour. Hence, just two years after Ironically, if they had wanted to save their birthright, rebellion might just have extended their privilege. As it is, Labour has further cause for withdraw-

week for a shorter five-day week in vide a heaven-sent opportunity for the exchange for productivity improve- Government to secure the only privatiments based on "team-working", imply- sation that has so far eluded them.

Letters to the Editor The word from the world Preaching on pollution Georgia on our mind

HE gross commercialism of the Olympic Games has been rightly criticised. But I wonder whether some good could come of it? At the opening ceremony, the president of the Interna-

tional Olympic Committee, Juan Samaranch, announced that the Olympic movement would be giving aid to rebuild sports facilities in Sarajevo, a former bost city. Given that, as Samaranch said, sport is about "peace, sducation and health", and the IOC is so keen to present the games as a symbol of international riendship, could not such announcements become a regular feature of Olympic opening

The multinational corporaions which make so much money from the games should be asked to give a proportion of their sponsorship as aid to those countries where peace, education and health (and necessarily sport) are in short essarily sport) are in short supply. How unlifting it would be if we could hear \$10 million pledged to health facilities in Rwanda, to schools in Bangladesh, to reconciliation initiatives in Northern Ireland.

We might even get a sort of benevolent competition in (Dr) Nancy J Lane, which every four years the Department of Zoology, sponsoring corporations out-bld the previous games in the size of their donations. ael Jacobs. 12 Chaddiford Lane

Barnstaple EX31 IRE.

YOU report (July 20) that "an audience of 83,000 in the stadium was joined by an estimated 3.5 billion television viewers around the world." Why do journalists repeat these claims as if they were true when, after a moment's reflection, they would realise how extremely unlikely it would be for the majority of the world's population ever to be watching the same thing?

Quite apart from the ex-treme unlikelihood that the majority would ever want to fact that a very large proportion of the world's population has no access to TV, a good half of the world was asleep when the games began. Most of the rest will have been doing whatever they normally do on a Saturday morning. If anyone had taken the

trouble to check this (and many other similar claims for global TV audiences) they would quickly find that you can never know how many people watch a programme until after it has been transmitted. Even then, you can estimate audience sizes accurately only where research is carried out on a regular basis. In most countries there is no TV audience measurement, So we will never know how many

If you divided the figures given by the organisers of globally-televised events by etween 50 and 100, you migh be closer to the reality. The alternative is to say simply "a lot of people watched". Graham Mytton. Head of Audience Research. BBC World Service.

Horsham Road, Dorking.

Sandrock.

OHN Duncan writes (Sport96, July 19) that the Olympic torch was introduced by the Nazis in 1936 because Hitler wanted to draw an association between the Nazi regime and ancient Greece. In fact, the flame was first lit at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam and can still be seen at the Olympic Stadium. Guy Thornton. Postbus 6605. 1005 EP Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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cut off from the rest of the world. I was visiting Tripoli during the coup led by Colonel Gadafy. Gadafy's troops estab-lished a 24-hour curiew and we were unable to leave the

country, or even walk outside, for two weeks. All that was played on the Libyan airwaves was incessant martial music. It was only the World Service that enabled us to discover what was going on. It was incredi-ble how much it meant to us to know that our plight was recognised beyond our four walls.

When I heard of the plight of the World Service, I wrote to Malcolm Rifkind. He wrote back to say: "My main aims are to ensure that the World Service will be able to fulfil its targets and objectives, and that there will be a clear separation between the grant-inaid funded World Service and the BBC's other activities".

Let us hope that the Foreign Secretary stands by his word when he calls in BBC chiefs to explain their proposals. University of Cambridge, Cambridge CB2 3EJ.

AS one who travels thou attempting to raise orders overseas, I feel I must add my voice to those questioning the wisdom of the proposed hanges. Everywhere I go, both on behalf of my employ and in my capacity as a vice-president of the British Exporters Association, visiting some 20 countries each year, the World Service is held in the highest esteem. The changes proposed will change its very nature. What I and | to protect the burgeoning Pal-

It is with deep anxiety that I members of the British Exporters Association require the consequences of Arafat's slide towards dictatorship. If the world Service having myself experienced what it feels like to be breadth of output is maintened what it feels like to be breadth of output is maintened what it feels like to be breadth of output is maintened what it feels like to be breadth of output is maintened what it feels like to be breadth of output is maintened what is the property of the street will discuss like to be breadth of output is maintened what is the property of the street will discuss like to be breadth of output is maintened what is the property of the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened what is the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth of output is maintened when the street will be breadth tained at the present very high standard.

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MEET SOMEONE COMMITTED

Herbert Edmonds Vice-President, British Exporters Association. 16 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BL.

AST year, I was respon within for running a project for Russian lawyers in Russia, involving lecturers from the UR. It could have made an interesting story about the de-veloping former Soviet Union, the interaction of two very different sorts of lawyer, and the efforts to bridge and learn new skills. Domestic news showed no interest the World Service managed two good pieces, which went out in Russia and the UK and attracted consider able interest. Under Birt's scheme, such broadcasts would not be possible. Harriet Smith. 7 Gliddon Road,

London W14 9BH. in MED MEDIA, the post-Gulf racy in the absence of a free reluctant to countens war European Union media press. programme I have co-ordinated since its inception in 1992. Through media partnerships between the 15 EU countri and the 12 mainly Arab Medi-terranean neighbours, MED MEDIA aims to challenge popular misunderstanding and temper old bitterneses throughout the region. The World Service's professional ethics became a sort of hallmark for MED MEDIA, bring ing Syrians into contact with objective reporting at Bush House, giving Arab and Israeli broadcasters the opportunity to work together, and helping

dependence, such trust will disappear and a delicate link at a dangerous time will die, possibly forever.

Trevor Mostyn. 39b Elgin Crescent. London W11 2JD. HE importance of the BBC World Service for those

campaigning for democracy in Africa was illustrated to me when I visited Malawi as a member of an international trade union delegation in 1992, in the days of the repressive Banda dictatorship. Delegation members from Canada, Norway and the US were introduced, without comment, to the prime minister, John Tembo, probably the most feared person in Malawi.

When I was introduced, Tembo launched a tirade of abuse about the World Service which, he said, was endangering the stability of Malawi by spreading propaganda about the Banda regime. His out-burst demonstrated the impor-tant part played by the World HE World Service has tant part played by the World played a key training role Service in the fight for democ-

Annie Watson 11 Belfont Walk. London N7 OSN.

Cough up

YOUR leader (Cancer in Cambridge, July 22) attacks Cambridge academ-

ics for voting two to one in

favour of accepting a £1.5 mil-lion donation from BAT In-

dustries. You quote a profes-

sor as asking: "If Cambridge would not accept money from

Saddam Hussein for an Ara-

bic Chair, why take the tobacco industry's blood

money?"
Tell me, how much "blood

money" did the Guardian

N 1988, while working for Help the Aged, I spent several weeks in Latin America. After completing an assignment in Peru, I spent a few days visiting the surrounding Inca sites with a young local guide. His English was almost faultless. I asked him where he had studied our language. "The BBC World Service", he replied. "I listen ever day." Diane Trembath. 90 Talbot Road. London W2 5LF.

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NO APOLOGISTS FOR THE WRONG KIND OF

PARAMILITARY ORGANISATION. -NO BASTARDS-

> Stwo cheers for John Gummer and his rhetoric at last week's international conference on global climate change (Tough choices faced on gas emissions, July 20)? Who would have thought that in speaking on behalf of our wet and windy isle, global warming would have created such a wonderful opportunity for a British environment minister to preach the virtues environmentalism to the likes of the US and Australia.

> We should not forget that one of the main reasons why this country is in such a comfortable position with respect to meeting our own carbon dioxide targets is our active policy of de-industrialisation during the 1980s. Any country which manages to close down a steel industry and a coal industry within a decade might reasonably be expected to appear virtous on carbon dioxide emissions.

What is really tough is standing up to the oil, roads and motor-car lobbies, which Bill Clinton and Al Gore are now going to have to do, but which the British Government has been singularly recent years. Even tougher will be the replacement of Britain's dead-end nuclear industry with renewable alternatives. Not much recent news from Mr Gummer on this front, but a commitment to providing 20 per cent of the country's energy needs by the year 3020 might be a good

starting point.

Most difficult of all will be the task of persuading countries like Malaysia and China, whose future industrial expansion will be built on massively-increasing con-sumption of fossil fuels, to embrace the urgency of improving their own carbon/en-

ergy efficiences. In 1992, Britian helped to scupper European Union pro-posals for a global carbon/energy tax prior to the Rio Summit. In view of the scientific evidence now before us, some form of energy tax, with the cash channeled into domestic and industrial energy conservation, must again be a seri-

ous option. Will our Europhiliac, bornagain Secretary of State for the Environment now recant his Government's previous pathetic positions of roads, renewables and energy tar-ation and start putting his weight behind serious measures; or are we to expect yet more smug pontification about Britain's voluntary approach being best? Andrew Mackinlay (MP). House of Commons, London SW1A OAA.



An on-the-record challenge

much about the use of an anonymous quote in a recent article on the Labour Party. Recent years have seen an in-creased trend by Labour's media operation to shape party opinion or deal with dissent by using such quotes through compliant or lazy

journalists. Mr Campbell laid a challenge to the Guardian to name the source of the quote about which he was complaining. In turn, I challenge him to stop his office using anonymous quotes to attack colleagues or undermine open

ALASTAIR Campbell (Let.) and democratic debate in the ters. July 22) protests too Labour Party. Until he makes such a commitment, I am afraid it will be a case of live and die by the off-the-record

quote. Colin Adkins. 55b Kingscourt Road, London SW16 1-JA.

MAY I suggest a new con-test for the Guardian: Whinger of the Year. And may I put forward Alastair Campbell as the first nomination? Whingeing is no way to run a press office. Peter Heap. 40 Crookston Road, London SE9 1YB.

Getting in a Paddy over policy

Young and your leader writer (July 18) should call for mornthinking politicians the morn-ing after Paddy Ashdown had set out radical ideas on employment and our economy. You are quite right, British politics suffers from a short-

age of good ideas and imagination. Labour's proposals are often unconvincing, or too vague: the Conservatives are becoming a thought-free zone — defensive, reactive, short-term. Ashdown's argument was realistic and hopeful: there is a harsh, competitive market out there to be conquered, yet there are job-creat-

OW ironic that Hugo | ing measures that can also be taken to improve our society. The week also saw Lib-Dem policy launches on energy and

the environment, small businesses, monetary policy and the central bank, and a new deal for the teaching profession. The Guardian is right to call

for more politicians who are prepared to enter their think-ing for the future into the public domain. You would be even righter to report those who do. Alan Leaman. Director, Strategy and Planning, Liberal Democrats. 4 Cowley Street,

receive for running a fullpage advertisement for Mari-boro cigarettes on page 7 of the same edition. David Bazley. 116 Hamilton Road.

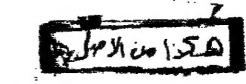
A Country Diary

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CHESHIRE: Since the third | dart moths, some much week in June, by far the most numerous visitor to the garden light trap has been the heart and dart, one of the noctuid family of moths that rest with wings held close against the body. After a warm and muggy night, the count has frequently exceeded 200, with the insects crowded together in layers, filling the deep indentations of the egg cartons used to provide shelter inside the trap from the bright mercury. vapour lamp. This very common moth has been given its name for the two most prominent markings on its forew. ings, the ground colour of which can vary from pale brown through shades of grey and red-brown to sooty-grey. Although the larvae feed on a wide variety of herbaceus plants, the adult moth has a particular liking for buddleia and red valerian, both of which are well-established in my garden. Amongst the rather drab looking heart and

brighter species have been attracted in as well. The plusia group are night-flyers, having conspicuous metallic markings on the front wings, usually gold in colour, which are used to reflect light. Both gold spot and gold spangle have come to the light in the past week together with the beau-tiful burnished brass, socalled for its shiny brass-like wings. It also has a most spectacular crest of orange hairs on the thorax. Away from the garden and the moths, signs of the slowly changing season are evident with the appearance in the birch woods, around the moss and the common, of some of the late summer fungi — grisette, tawney grisette and the blusher, all members of the amanita group which includes the familiar fly agaric, with bright red cap and pure white stem, that should also be fruiting in the next few

J M THOMPSON



Diary

Dan Atkinson

BHAT Resignation may not have been quite what it seemed, we understand. Officially, the Paymaster General quit over the single currency, but a supporting factor is thought to have been his distaste for having to give away the principle that a Britisher's home is his

castle. Back in April David Back in April David
Heathcoat-Amory was
reportedly faced with having to support in June a
Euro-directive giving Brussels fraud inspectors the
right to search without
warrant any premises anywhere in the Union. DEA
was clearly unhavory with was clearly unhappy with the regulation, but the beef war intervened and the search-law was vetoed. But it is due to return from the grave and be implemented by January

Perhaps the thought of justifying this particular diktat pushed the Paymaster over the edge.

AYMASTER General was once one of those funny old jobs a Catholic wasn't supposed to hold; there are still a few.

like King. At present, Britain's five million-odd RCs are supposedly agog at the prospect of the next PM (maybe), Tony Blair, coming over to Rome, but those in the know find far more gripping the mechanics of Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles's rumoured application to annul his marriage to Camilla.

The whirring tape recorders of the Westminster Diocesan Marriage Tri-bunal in Marylebone Road soak up an average four bours of evidence per appli-cant; fortunately for the Brigadier (and the Prince of Wales), the interviewers are discreet in the extreme.

The applicant is expected also to call witnesses to support his case; their evidence will account for maybe four more C60s. Camilla, when approached for her side of the story, could refuse to cooperate, which may not necsarily harm the Brigadier's chances. Or she could exercise her right to call witnesses (who will they in-

The nature of the questions is secret under oath. but any RC canon lawyer will tell you Camilla would do Andrew no favours were she to over-egg it on what a good bloke he was: the tri-buoal judges the validity of the marriage, not the par-

Finally, the papers will go still, hoping that Europe will before a "court", where a do the same. Yet, as in the priest-lawyer will be ap-pointed as "defender of the bond", arguing against granting the annulment. APB should get a verdict by

E thought we had him, we really did. Hardly had Patrick Malahide popped up in his new guise of P G Duggan, anthor of the now-running BBC1 terrorist-thriller The Writing On The Wall, than we thumbed through The Day Of The Jackal (1971) for the cover-name of the anon-ymous would-be De Gaulle killer. There it was — Dug-gan. Ah, the mischief! The irony!

One call to a Mr M associate blew that one away: Duggan is not the pseudonym, but the real name. Drat and double-drat, but we won't be evicted from

Duggan-land that easily. Malahide may not have been playing Jackal pranks but Douglas Hurd certainly has been. Our ex-Foreign Secretary marked the 25th anniversary of Frederick Forsyth's bestseller some days ago with an article praising its style and detail. "The join between fact and fiction is invisible," declared Dee Dee. Too right.

The rumour that Jackal is

not fiction at all, but could be a true story gleaned by Forsyth when a Reuters man in France in the early sixties, has never died away. And who, as private secretary to the FO's perma nent under secretary of state, between 1960 and 1963, would know, if anyone does, whether the really had been an off-the-General plot at that time, involving an Englishman? That's right.

TECHNOLOGICAL breakthrough South West Trains, breakthrough from who have been plagued by ventilation problems; £100,000 is to be invested "to install windows which can be opened if the air con-ditioning should fail".



Weak link in a novel chain of events

Commentary

Hugo Young

the Government yesterday was quite serious. With ineffable clumsiness, a minstances he did not intend. But a far more serious situation beckons, which Tony Blair has the power to bring about If he were to amounce that the Labour Party intended to fight the election with a pledge that sterling would not enter the single European currency during the lifetime of the next parliament, it is hard to see how

the Tories could survive. It would be a lethal punch. The promise would hardly be out of his mouth before the out of his mouth before the Government began to fall apart. Were Blair to get in first, the eruption on the Euro-sceptic wing would become impossible to contain. Mr Redwood and his new friend Mr Heathcoat. Amory would demand a similar pledge from Mr Major. He probably couldn't fail to give

precipitated the resignation protects the British position of Kenneth Clarke, to name without immediate cost to but one, without gaining any the country. It doesn't ab

significant new allies.

For his change of line would be seen as having come not at the suggestion of his own party, itself an unleaderlike thing to do, but as a suggestion of the Change it is the Change it is a suggestion. surrender to the Opposition. Having earlier caved in to HAT happened to the ultimate no win position for the Prime Minister.

irresistible though such a temptation looks, I do not think Mr Blair will succumb to it. One cannot be absointely sure. In these febrile days of gesture politics, when signalling and jockeying are always in danger of diverting attention from the substance, it is not possible to the substance. it is not possible to secure a estegoric, in-all-circumstances denial from the Labour camp.
But that's part of the posi-

tioning game as well. The reasons why Blair won't want to make a not-now pledge, seductive though it is, are the same reasons why Mr Heathcoat-Amory, who had hoped to retire in obscurity and only then launch a Euro-sceptic pamphlet on the world, looks like a political

Idiot.
The not-now pledge is open to three powerful objections. First, it is not necessary, even if you're strongly biased probably couldn't fail to give against Britain joining the it. Yet if he gave it, he would do so knowing that he had Major secured at Maastricht

without immediate cost to the country. It doesn't absolve London from making a choice, but it keeps the tim-

ing of the choice debatable.

Second, making the scaptic/phobic choice now would
be a massively significant exercise in self-exclusion from ercise in self-exclusion from the process that will affect sterling more than any other sceptic currency. The most important "out" would be surrendering all influence over the future behaviour of the "ins".

The third and greatest case against the proposition is

against the proposition is that it would be a fraud. When these politicians say they want a pledge only for the life of the next parlia-ment, they are being honest neither with the facts nor with their intentions. They predicate a second-guess they do not mean to offer. Their true desire is for a declaration in perpetuity, which reflects their atavistic belief that Britain must never join. While the opt-out gives a genuine, if difficult, opportu-

nity for a second guess, the manifesto commitment many Tories now want does not. That so many of them do now want it is remarkable. This is a triumph of ideology over pragmatism which Margaret Thatcher, when Prime Minister, never counteterable point of view regard-less of circumstances.

This is not even based on a rational account of public opinion. It presumes the availability of some vast elec-toral dividend from coming rational account of public opinion. It presumes the availability of some vast electoral dividend from coming out clearly against this European adventure. There's little evidence to support such a dramatic analysis, as against the overwhelming evidence that party division, which John Redwood (intentionally) and the national Vertice. ally) and the pathetic Heath-coat-Amory (cack-handedly) are stirring up, may wreck the residual chance to avert landalide defeat. But this kind of realism is no longer of interest to the faustics.

So much for the substance. What is now being played out is a tactical game of great ex-plosive potential. It revolves around Mr Blair as much as Mr Major, and it's hard to know who is writing the know rules.

Heathcoat-Amory, who hoped to retire then launch a Euro-sceptic pamphiet, looks like a political idiot

The rumours of a Blair pledge could have started with Labour people who seriously want him to give it be-cause they dialike the single currency as much as many Tories do; or with Labour news-managers who want no such thing, but see the attractions of goading the Cabinet towards a pledge they know Kenneth Clarke will never wear: or with the Tory press, inventing quotes from shadow spokespersons, which have the same effect. We've nanced on such a scale. It have the same effect. We've more seriously than Kenneth says that prudence should be already seen the capacity of abandoned, and the future the Tory Right to build up mortgaged to a single unal- fears of a Labour flanking Let's hope he holds to it.

The stakes are now much higher. After all, the decision on whether to apply for first-round entry into EMU will have to be taken within just six months of a Spring election. The time will be at hand when the jockeying has to stop. However, the difference between the parties is already. I think, apparent.

The Conservatives, in present mode, could never enter EMU in the first round. Too many MPs, behind the screen of the not-now pledge, have decided they're on principle opposed. Events might change that, but not before the experiment has begun. Keeping open the possibility is more a tactical device, to maximise continuing influence on the shape of EMU. ence on the shape of EMU. than a statement of realistic possible intent. That makes it a principle quite big enough for Mr Clarke to die for, because the alternative option is the equivalent of saying

"never".

The Labour position is, on the principle, not opposed. Mr. Blair and Mr. Brown have said that clearly and often. They will be in difficulty if Major changes tack and surrenders to the Redwood option; but not in more difficulty than Major himself.

tion: but not in more diffi-culty than Major himself, who will have lost his Chan-cellor and quite possibly Hezza as well.

Mr Blair, forsaking his op-portunity to wreck the Gov-ernment, is gambling on the readiness of his party to ac-cept entry into EMU if the terms are right, and on the willingness of the country not willingness of the country not to be stampeded into Euro-phobia by a party crazy enough to take John Redwood

structure within the institu-tions of the Union. Finally, it should commit the Union to

ensuring that all its citizens

can participate fully in eco-nomic life.

New entrants would be ex-pected to underwrite the Char-

ter in toto, without pre-empt-

ing negotiations on hard

economic issues. Because the

Charter would establish fun-

damental rights, it would en-courage their protection

throughout the pre-entry period helping the new en-trants to consolidate further

their transition to democracy. Negotiations would still be

required to determine the

timetable for economic convergence. Europeans would acquire a visible stake in the Union, see their rights reinforced and perhaps now ones established. The Charter

would counteract, perhaps

even eliminate, a purely eco-nomic notion of the EU, the fear that existing social rights

will be eroded and the anxiety

that national cultural differ

The problem with arms and the men



Beatrix Campbell

trol in Australia. There
won't be gun control in
Britain. Passionate commitment to a firearms ban enabled the new Conservative coalition premier, John Howard, a man in search of a persona, to metamerphose into a statesman. Here, however, Home Secre-tary Michael Howard's party has apparently come out as the

gun party.
The Dunblane and Port The Dunblane and Port Arthur Massacres similarly ignited the collective imagination, and yet are starkly different in their political impact. One of the Dunblane parents asked us last week: Why is a man's right to own a gun more important than his child's life? He received his answer last week when the Commons Home Affairs select committee pre-empted the Cullen inqui-ry's findings by coming out against a ban on handguns. In Australia, gun ownership is much higher than in Britain. It is scripted into the least bushnan whose soli-tary, macho XXXX surviva-

In Britain the arms trade is a significant export industry, but personal gun-ownership is associated with class and gen-der: gents and officer blokes who kill for pleasure. And yet in Australia a sym-biotic alliance has emerged between the Government and the anti-gun movement which has comented a national consensus. In Britain, by contrast, there is a mass movement but

it does not enjoy overwhelming parliamentary endorsement. The campaigns began with women. After the Dun-blane massacre, Scotland was grief-stricken and three women with little or no politi-cal experience launched the Snowdrop petition. "We called it Snowdrop because when the children were shot it was the only spring flower in bloom, they're small, delicate and

Hungerford massacre, when nine of Michael Ryan's 16 vic-tims were killed by a pistol. Only 37 per cent of MPs responded. Only five Tories signed. But within ten weeks, more than 700,000 people had signed. Half of Scotland's local authorities supported it, so did four Scottish Nationalist MPs, 17 Labour and three Liberal Democrats. The Scottish School Boards Association mailed the petition to 1,200 schools and the National Union of Teachers has given Snowdrop its endorsement.

complex politically has been another mass movement for gun control — in Manchester Moss Side where the notorious killing of 14-year-old Benjie Stanley signalled the cata strophic consequences for communities surviving on the edge, who have often felt raided rather than resourced by the police. This exposed the dangerous contradictions of policing driven by law enforcement rather than the mainte-nance of public peace. And this in a neighbourhood where 40 per cent of residents are black and complaints of racist polic-

ing are routine.

A vigorous community coali-tion for gun control has amerged in this small enclave, embracing professionals who work with offenders, community activists and churches. Dumblane and Moss Side have spirited the new Gun Control Network, launched last week.

In Australia, Women Against Guns launched itself in 1987, the same year as Hun-garford. in the wake of two mass killings. In the nineties, another law-abiding holder of a shooter's licence, Malcolm Baker, killed Kerry Anne Gannan, the woman he had lived with. She had gained a domestic violence injunction against him. He killed her. He also murdered her father, her sister, his son and two others.

galvanised the emerging consensus. A year ago, two officers in New South Wales were killed answering a domestic violence call. The coroner in that case invited submissions on the gun laws An amazing coelition emerged an anazing cosmon emerged, embracing several medical Royal Colleges, the Bar Associ-ation and many academic law departments, health depart-ments, churches, battered woman's networks and the their members are women.

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provisation — fax-back — en-abled 330 of organisations to sign up and send back their endorsement of the campaign's submission to the coroner.

The campaign's research also challenged the High Noon ethics of gun ownership; most homicides are domestic and guns are used more often in domestic killings than homi-cides. Eighty per cent of gun deaths are suicides. "We lose simple."

The petition proposes a total more people through gur ban on handguns — in the 1987 deaths than road accidents, says the campaign co-ordina-tor Rebecca Peters. "We say this is a public health issue rather than a criminal justice issue."

Politicians were always afraid of the shooters but Port Arthur gave them the opportu-nity to be brave in a country that is defining a new national identity. Dunbiane gave West-minster the chance to pay its respects to Scotland, to children and to public safety. However, nothing, it seems, is more important than a man's right to his gun.

Leaving our Waterloo

Voters are losing faith in the old European ideals. Donald Sassoon argues for a rewritten constitution to form the basis of a new social democratic settlement

FTER Waterloo Wellington is sup-posed to have remarked "We are, we have been and, I hope, we shall always be detested in France." Substi-tute the Continent for France and you have the quintessence of the europhobic position. Meanwhile, the rest of the Conservative Party stands past, Europe will move on to face the unprecedented challenge of unifying a continent, once devastated by cataclys-mic "civil wars", later divided by the Cold War. Those on the Left who do not wish to stand still have to consider how to

politics. A Europe in which social democracy thrives is one in which the fundamental rules and legal framework facilitate the development of a "social" Europe where full employment can become, once again, an attainable goal, the welfare state can be more easily de-fended and where a significan't percentage of the populamaterial prosperity. This can only be the resultof co-opera-tion with Christian Democrats, Liberals with a social conscience, and those conservatives committed to social cohesion

Economics has been for too long the key driving force of the Union: originally a Steel and Coal Community, then a Common Market, then a Single Market and perhaps a Monetary Union. Politics has too often taken second place. The last enlargement brought in relatively rich countries. Future entrants from eastern and central Europe are poorer than Greece and Portugal. A future expansion requires a drastic revision of the existing

architecture of the EU. Enlargement has always taken place on the basis of the so-called acquis communau-taire, the tenet that every new member must accept all that has been achieved so far: the Treaties, the legislation so far adopted, the case law of the Court of Justice, all resolutions and international agree-ments — 185,000 pages of offi-

This is so obviously unreal istic that, in practice, the ac quis has become more a gen-eral declaration of intent than an inflexible principle. Pro-spective members are asked to meet cartain conditions before entry and are then allowed a whole paraphernalia of temporary derogations and transi-tional arrangements. The ac-tual practice of the EU has been that of the so-called "variable geometry". The exceptions to the rule of a homogeneous community have been varied, as the numerous

opt-outs testify. Previous applicants had sful market economies successive market economies with a well-entrepched system of social protection and higher health, environmental protec-tion and safety standards than



hood that a lasting disaffec-tion will be created among significant asyments of their electorates. The seeds for systematic anti-Europeanism. as national politicians will-find it politically rewarding to biame the EU and the taxing conditions imposed by wealthler countries. How can this disperate com-

munity be held together and enlarged? What should be its central rules? We know that it must be democratic and seen to be democratic, that its diversity must be protected, and that it must provide ecoits citizens. In its place it has the acquis communautaire.
The problem with this "Constitution" is its rambling construction — a mish-mash of fundamental and grand prin-

ciples, directives or petty reg-ulations. Considering the great reluctance with which Great Britain has been dragged into Europe and har behaviour since, it is an irony of history that the nearest con-stitutional model which resembles the acquis is the British Constitution: a mixture of written statutes, precedents, habits and conventions which can be broken or left

munity, it is unworkable. The process of clarifying the acquis is an exercise in constitu tion-making. The object should be to codify the key political principles in the shape of a European Charter which must be accepted by all. This Charter should establish the purpose of the Union, its values, how it proposes to defend and enhance the cultural and political rights of the and political rights of the member-states, as well as the

diverse ethnic, cultural, reli-gions and linguistic rights of minorities within the Union. The Charter would include all the existing rights under the EU minimum. This cannot be said of the former communist bloc countries.

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ences would be wiped away.
The Charter would provide the Labour Party with a posi-tive campaigning theme on European issue enabling it to build bridges with the Liber-als and further divide the Conservatives. It would enable Britain to be, finally, at the heart of Europe. It would resolve the debate on whether or not Britain should have a written Bill of Rights. What is at stake is not the content of the Charter large extent the question is to systematise the essential con-stitutional elements of the acquis communautaire. Drawing up the Charter would be an opportunity to open up a Rurope-wide debate on the issue of rights, social protection, and the separation of powers in the Union. Its drafting would involve not only the governments of the member-states but also the national parliaments (or their repre-sentatives) and the European Parliament It would be ratified by referendum in each

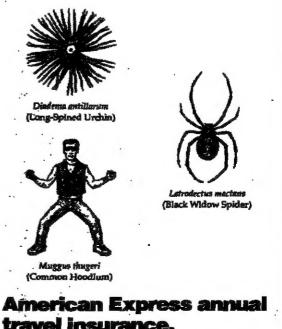
member-state.

It would signal to the countries of eastern and central Europe that membership of the European Union entails the acceptance of the European model of social capitalism, not a destabilising shock therapy leading to a kind of unregulated capitalism which has neuer existed in Western Europe.

Europe. A Charter will contribute to A Charter will contribute to the clarity which is so required if the EU is to appear to European citizens a less alien body. Though it would not eliminate the democratic deficit, it would go some way toward winning the support of European citizens by bringing to the fore a vision of an authentic community of peoples, not only a set of eco-nomic arrangements. It would reestablish social democracy st the heart of Europe.

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Detective stories

can you say about a lovely man like Gerry?" Reed arrested the Kray twins and as a junior officer, worked with Gerald McArthur on the investigation into the great train robbery of 1963.

'He was the one detective to whom I would take off my hat every day," says John Bliss, who was the first national co-ordinator of the regional crime squad. "He was absolutely straight, with determination, attention to detail and personality." Gerald McArthur, who has

died aged 80, was regarded by his crime squad colleagues as one of the finest detectives of his generation. He joined the Metropolitan Police in 1935. He was born in Newport, Monmouthshire and educated at Newport Grammar school, where he captained the Welsh Schoolboys at rugby.
Although he originally

wished to become an archi-tect, he was brought to Lon-don by his father, who worked in insurance, to sit the entrance examination for the Met. He spent his early years on G Division, working at City Road as a detective constable and then was posted to the commissioner's office in 1941. By then, he had survived the bombing of City Road police station, although his new trilby hat (for which he had saved his clothing coupons and of which he was enormously proud) was de-stroyed to his great regret. He then joined the Royal Air Force for the rest of the second world war, piloting flying boats for Coastal Command and later training pilots

This was training which for Christmas that year. served him well when 20 There was then much jockey-

in Canada. He gained the

rank of flight-lieutenant be-

fore returning to Scotland

Yard, where he was trans-ferred to be one of original

eonard "Nipper"; brothers, Charles and Eddie, Reed asks: "What who controlled crime in south London in the early 1960s. By 1963, McArthur had risen to the rank of detective superintendent, and he was the first of a number of Metropolitan officers seconded to assist the Buckinghamshire Constabulary, after the raid on the London-Glasgow Royal Mail train at Brigedo Bridge

near Aylesbury.
The criminals had halted the night mail train and systematically looted its contents. It was the largest rob-bery Britain had known, and immediately had caught the



His quiet work had helped in the discovery of the

robbers' hideout at Leatherslade Farm

public imagination. McArthur quietly co-ordinated the bury, which led to the discovery of the robbers' hideout at Leatherslade Farm. Other London officers who sought a higher profile came and went, giving press conferences as they did so. McArthur, a tireless

worker, who demanded and obtained the same effort from his subordinates, did not return to his home either for his wedding anniversary or tended the courtesy of being told that the arrests of the leaders, which led to the 30 year sentences, were to be made. Perhaps for this rea he was never given the public recognition which was his due. In 1964 he left the Met and took the appointment of assistant chief constable of Hertfordshire.

The great train robbery was the event which led to the formation of the regional rime squads. At last it had been realised that small county forces could not cope with a major crime which took place within their boundaries. McArthur, who had been in Hertfordshire for barely nine months, was

seconded to be co-ordinator for No 5 regional crime squad.

The squad was by no means popular in its early days.

Some chief constables saw it as an insult and threat to both their integrity and their au-tonomy. It is to the credit of men like McArthur that it survived at all, and was given chance finally to flourish.

The 1960s were a time of great embarrassment for the Metropolitan Police force, which itself underwent three major corruption investigations during the decade. This was the reason that the fraudster, James Taggart, sought out not London detectives, but McArthur out in Hert-fordshire, in order to com-plain about his treatment at the hands of the Richardson brothers, and their associates, the "torture gang", from Peckham, who had built up a vast empire which was partly based on fraudulent businesses.

By keeping the inquiry away from south London (where it was likely that there would be big leaks to suspects), McArthur was able to put together a formidable case. He was helped by a fight in a Catford club in March 1965, which resulted in the death of Richard Hart and led years later, he unravelled the ing for position among senior immediately to the arrest of should be re-ranked as detectrated of the Richardson officers at the Yard and it is Eddie Richardson and his tive chief superintendents;



henchman, Frank Fraser. Fraser was acquitted of Hart's murder, but he and Eddie Richardson both got five years' imprisonment for the affray. More witnesses came forward and in July 1966, Mc-Arthur arrested the members of the gang. Charles Richardson received a 25-year sen-tence, his brother, Eddle, received 10 years, as did Fra-ser and another member, Roy

In 1969, it was decided that regional crime squad's offi-cars with the rank of tempo-

Hall

this was an effective down-grade. Before this was implemented, McArthur, along with a number of other officers, left the force in 1969. He became security advisor to the Tobacco Advisory

He finally retired in 1975 and spent a happy life with his wife Marion. He had met her while still at school; they had married in 1941. He had two daughters and five grandchildren. He was a physically huge man and retained his love of sport thoughout his life, playing table tennis for

ber of an informal club of exregional crime squad co-ordinators. They met at the RAF Club, Piccadilly every three months where, as one member put it: "We put the world to rights, no one listens, and

McArthur was considered the policeman's policeman recognised perhaps when he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1961. He also received an MBE.

James Morton

the police and, in his retire | Gerald McArthur, detective, born ment, bowls. He also liked | May 28, 1916; died July 21, 1996 Gerald McArthur, detective, born

Rev Lawrence Jenco

Hostage priest who forgave his captors

local Roman Catholic church, does not spring to mind when recalling the horrors of Lebanon's hostage crists. And yet this gentle, bespectacled priest suffered in the 565 days he spent in captivity just as much as the better-known victims with whom he was kept — Terry Anderson, Tom Sutherland, David Jacobsen, and erland, David Jacobsen, and the Beirut CIA chief, William Buckley, who died in his

Of the 71 foreigners who were taken (and together remained hostages for a total of more than 45 years), American-born Jenco was victim number 10. He was not an obvious choice for the Shi'ite fundamentalists headed by Islamic Jihad. As director of the Catholic Relief Services in Beirut, it was his task to tend to the poor and most of those were Shi'ites.

But on January 8, 1985, while walking to his office, six Shi'ite gurmen bundled the 50-year-old priest into their car and drove him away to an ordeal he never expected to survive. For the first six months, he was held in soli-tary confinement, naked and chained by one leg to the wall of a tiny dingy room in the city's southern suburbs. At al times, his captors would approach him from behind and cover his eyes with a filthy rag before leaving a small portion of bread or rice, and warm foul-tasting water. His guards permitted only one visit a day to the bath-room, and provided jars to hold urine in between. That cruel sense of humour in-cluded forcing him to balance the filled jar on his head until he fainted. Jenco began to be moved to other hideours, the transport as frightening as the captivity. Bound from head to foot by tape and with only his nose laft uncovered, he was tiad to the wheel-well of a truck as his captors successfully sought to avoid detection. Once, on bumpy roads,

drown in his own blood. Terry Anderson, the former chief Middle East correspon-dent for Associated Press who later, became his close friend. They first encountered each other while Jenco was in a tiny closet in a room where Anderson was being held. For- born November 27, 1934; died bidden to speak, he peeked at July 19, 1996

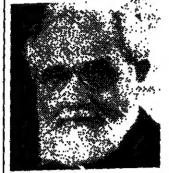
Alan Barnes, saxophonist,

Birthdays

his nose hit the bottom of the truck and began bleeding pro-fusely. In his panic, blind-folded, unable to breathe, he

was convinced he was going to

rence Martin Jenco, who has died, aged 61, in the Chicago suburb of Rillside. where he was a priest at the local Roman Catholic church, does not spring to mind when the war a veer list. In that same space was William Buckley taken a veer list. son had been praying for Buckley as they listened, blindfolded, to "the obvious sounds of death". The guards



dragged away his body and,

alarmed by the death, im-

Jenco . . . faithful survivor

proved conditions for the Yet they were still only clad for most of the time in their underpants - Jenco said these were part of their threepiece hostage suits — along with blindfolds and chains,

Jenco came from Joliet, Illinois, eventually going to Rome where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1959. Be-fore being posted to Beirut in 1984, he had served in Yemen. India and Thailand.

Religion, he said, enabled him to survive. After being set free in Lebanon's Beka'a Val-ley, with a seven-minute videotape which provided the first real news of his fellow captives, Jenco steadfastly refused to condemn his captors. He said he had built up a close rapport with the young Shi'ites and they called him

Father.
In his book, Bound to Forgive he recalled the day in July, 1986, when he was finally released. "The guards said 'Father, forgive us, for we know not what we do." Jenco did forgive, but not forget. "I do not forget the forget. "I do not forget the pain, the loneliness, the ache, the terrible injustice. But I do not remember to inflict some

Chris Draks

Lawrence Martin Jenco, priest,

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Clyde Wiegand

Master of the mysteries of antimatter

was one of the out standing experimen tal physicists of the post-war era, whose work brought him very close to winning the 1959 Nobel Prize for physics

He was a major contributor in the 1950s to the dramatic cial. He had great gifts as an particle accelerator experiments which confirmed through the creation and detection of antiprotons - that antimatter is more than an exotic theory. A decade earlier, at Los Alamos, he had been a member of the design team which produced the initiating neutron trigger for the Trinity test of the world's

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first atomic weapon. When, in 1959, the Nobel Owen Chamberlain and Emile Segré, some physicists argued that Clyde Wiegand and Thomas Ypsilantis should also have been honoured, as all four names had headed the report announcing the unambiguous detection of a small number of antiprotons among the millions of elementary particles scat-tered from a target in the new Bevatron proton accelerator

at Berkeley, California. Wiegand never expresse bitterness. He remained as a senior experimental scientist at the University of California Berkeley Laboratory until retirement in 1980 and he was much more than a colleague he was a lifelong friend and

Shortly after Wiegand's death, Chamberlain was asked again about Wiegand's role in the design of the ex-periment which led to the observation of antiprotons. "His contribution was cruexperimental scientist, often opening our eyes to new pos-sibilities. His should have been the third name," said

Chamberlain. Wiegand was in at the beginning. With the confirmaprotons, the era of huge particle accelerators and of experimental high energy

LYDE WIEGAND, neighbour of Chamberlain in century ago, a strange possi-who has died aged 81, Oekland. bility was suggested — that atoms whose characteristics were the exact opposite of normal atoms might exist. In Cambridge in the 1920s, Dirac's electron equations, reconciling quantum mechanics and special relativity, had two solutions — one which corresponded to the known electron and the other to an unknown equal but opposite

particle.
This ambivalence was resolved in 1932 by the American physicist Carl Anderson, second timing of the initiatcan physicist Carl Anderson whose studies confirmed the existence of the positron the antimatter equivalent to the electron. Wiegand became

tron research in the late | test, was so appalled by the | conditions needed to creat 1930s, just as the hunt for the antiproton (the next step in antimatter investigation) egan in earnest.

The second world war inervened. Like many of the brightest young physics graduates in America, he was swept into the Manhattan Project. Already working on proton scattering experiments, he became involved with weapon materials and, in 1944, joined the teams trying neutron burst needed to ensure that a plutonium

bomb explodes rather than fizzles. Wiegand, in the obserphysics came of age. Almost a | involved in proton and neu- | vation trench for the Trinity 1.

Emile Segre, Clyde Wiegand, Edward Lofgren, Owen Chamberlain and Thomas Ypsilantis

the Japanese because we were never really sure that we could make it work. Immediately after the war, Wiegand went to the University of California and there gained his doctorate in 1950 when the mysteries of antimatter were back at centre stage. The atom of the sim-plest element, hydrogen, consists of a proton and an electron. Anti-hydrogen would consist of a positron and an antiproton. The positron had been shown to exist. Did the antiproton also exist?

It was calculated that an energy of 5.6 billion electron volts would be needed to create antiprotons. The Bevatron, then on the drawing board, was designed to produce six billion electron volts - a far higher energy than any earlier proton accelera tor. When the machine came into operation in 1954-55, with its detector system fine-tuned by Wiegand, it was found to produce more antiprotons than predicted. The existence of the crucial antiparticle was proven beyond doubt. Antimatter became an accepted component of cosmic

theory and an intriguing new experimental possibility was opened up. Would it be possible to generate on earth the

enormity of the explosion that he collapsed. "The weapon we had created was beyond belief." he said later. "Yet we could not demonstrate it to where Wiegand spent much o his career inventing, develop ing and improving particle and X-ray detector systems.

Nevertheless — and al-though by then a sick man — Wiegand was delighted when, earlier this year, scientists at CERN - the European high energy physics laboratory - announced the creation and observation of a few atoms of anti-hydrogen.

His delight was typical Clyda Wiegand had an over whelming interest in his science and, although hurt by his exclusion from the Nobel prize, was without malice or jealousy. He was endowed tion, yet also a man with inner calm.

He was a family man with a wide breadth of interests, a great gardener, a lover of music who, until quite late in life, sought the isolation of mountain climbing and, as a pilot, the practical poetry of flight. He is survived by his wife Della, whom he married immediately after the war. and by two sons and daughter.

Anthony Tucker Clyde Wiegand, physicist, born May 23, 1915; died July 5, 1996

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Death Notices

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Jackdaw



Table talk

I HAD occasion to reflect on this [the disintegration of a sense of shame] when I joined several artists and critics for dinner at an opening night party at a gallery off Cork

Street. Conversation at my end of the table, with an artist and two critics, started off decorously enough with lots of talk about the nature of aesthetic experience and that sort of thing. But matters took a decided turn for the worse when the artist de-clared that, in his view. Lady Thatcher ought to be "assassinated" as an act of public benefaction. It didn't help

when I announced that I was an avid fan of Lady Thatcher's. From there the exchange rapidly degenerated. Somehow the phrase British Empire" insinuated itself into the conversation. I made the mistake of speaking up for that, too, observing that there was a lot to be said for imperialism, particularly the British variety, and espe-cially when you considered what a botch most of their former colonies had made of their countries without western guidance.

Well, that was simply not to be borne. The artist told me that just as no person had the right to impose his values on anyone else, so, too, no cuiture — especially no be-nighted western culture had the right to impose its values on another culture. What about his wanting to as sassinate Mrs Thatcher, you wonder? Wouldn't that be a hit of an imposition, at least from her point of view? Apparently that was different. But then what about the many societies in what used to be called the Dark Conti-

which female genital mutilation is widespread? Surely western European societies, with their commitment to universal human rights, had a right, nay, an obligation, to intervene where they could to discourage this barbaric practice? At this, the female art critic grew thoughtful. But the artist was ready with the evening's pièce de résistance. Not only was female genital mutilation no worse or more barbaric than (male) circumcision, he said, it was no worse than an English parent sending his children to public

That did momentarily take my breath away. He wasn't serious? Oh, yes, quite, seri-ous. He even had an elaborate talk about how English public schools perpetuate an evil, class-ridden capitalist society: it was right out of central casting, And, of course, here was a man who was just about to depart for the many bucolic acres of his Hampshire farm and art studio, a welcoming retreat paid for, I gathered. from the sale of aggressively mediocre abstract daubs of the sort I had seen in the gallery

exhibition earlier. It was almost enough to make one lament the evils of capitalism. Almost enough, but not quite, asks Will There Always Be An England? in the dyspeptic columns of the New Criterion. Roger Kimball? Straight out of central casting and author

of Tenured Radicals: How Politics Has Corrupted Our Higher Education.

Screen test

SINCE about 1960, I have not bothered very much in the way of British film, or, since 1970, continental ones. Why is a very interesting

question. In part it has to do with provincialisation. Turn on the BBC Six O'Clock News to see this - frolics of the minor royals; a fuss about some health matter ("illness is common," pronounced a grand Polish lady). They gave the Six O'Clock News to the Hungarians as a goodwill gesture, for their English lessons, back in 1990. Hungarians ... could not believe the nonsense, put it out late at

night, and then stopped broadcasting it altogether. The BBC World Service. which is most definitely not provincial, is now, apparently, to be run down.

Another little sign: Oxford has just advertised for a director of the Ashmolean. The salary, a net £2,500 per month. is less than my windowcleaner's. A country which neglects the basics in this way is just not going to be any good at making films: too stuck-up to be energetically naif, too provincial to have any sense of aesthetics. Norman Stone writing in the Times Higher Education Supplement about British cinema or the lack of it.

Jail sentences

IMPORTANT writers are often rebellious, irreverent, even outrageous in their apprenticeship years, and some (like Norman Mailer) remain so. Political correctness encourages caution, parochialism and self-censorship. It is interesting to note how Rob-ert O'Connor has defliv

slipped the handcuffs of such inhibitions (by writing a nonfiction novel about teaching creative writing in a prison By choosing to write in the mode of the non-fiction novel he had provided himself with an impregnable defence against anyone who might find his subject matter offe sive: that's the way it is. And by making himself the narrator and central character he

is able to voice the liberal pi-

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eties of tolerance, decency, and fairness while exposing their total inadequacy to the facts of prison life. The irony goes deeper: venturing into the prison, ostensibly to bring the hardened convicts sweetness and light, redemption through creative writing, he has stolen from them ; priceless hoard of material, and carried it back to his safe suburban home to work on it as he knows, much better than they ever will, how, David Lodge reviewing Granta's Summer '96 volume detoted to The Best of Young American Novelists.

pilot, 75.

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TUC prods Bank on EMU

ROWING splits on the Left over Europe will be revealed today when TUC leaders press the Bank of England for a more positive approach to a single currency and a group a hard-over group likely to so ROWING splits on single currency and a group of 50 opposition Euro-sceptics step up their attack on mone.

With Labour grass-roots was important to keep options open because in the end the "balance of forces" were lash against Europe, TUC leader John Monks will head a delegation to meet sovernoon. a delegation to meet governor | joining.

Eddie George and his deputy, Howard Davies, in the first top-level discussions between the Bank and the unions on

Senior TUC sources said it

"We are clear about the costs of allowing other countries to make the running, and then only joining belatedly when the rules have been made," one source said. The TUC is eager to see an employment clause included in the EMU project, but it also sees direct advantages from involvement in the prepara-

sees threat advantages from involvement in the preparations for the single currency. Tony Dubbins, leader of the print union GPMU, will attend the talks as part of the

rushed into a decision on the EMU. Labour Party leader Tony Blair believes the argu-ments are finely balanced. and that the party is entitled to debate the issue fully. The strength of anti-EMU

feeling in the Parliamentary Labour Party was reflected today when around 50 MPs— enough to cause trouble for a future Labour administration — supported a new pemphlet opposing a single currency. It warns that monetary union would mean "all effective sconomic policy will be transferred from an elected govern-

ment to European beyond our control". Like their Tory counter parts, they are urging their leader to act now in rule out a single currency in the life-

time of the next Parliament.

The detailed question-andanswer leafiet has been produced by Diane Abhoti, a
member of the party's ruling
National Executive Commit-Treasury minister; Alan Simpson, chairman of the leftwing Campaign Group of MPs; Euro-MP Alf Lomas, former leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party and Liew Smith MP, chair-

Escom crash

share price

ARNINGS that Thorn
EMI could face a
£30 million charge
from the collapse of the chain

of Escom retail computer

stores sent the group's shares tumbling yesterday. The news came as the music and rentals group gave details of its demerger plan

and announced disappointing

first-quarter music sales. Chairman Str Colin South-

gate told shareholders in the demerger document posted yesterday that he had sold 100

businesses in the pest 10 years, in the run-up to the final separation of the group,

final separation of the group, which came together in 1979.

He urged shareholders to vote for the demerger at the general meeting on August 16.

The two businesses had "financial and operating characteristics which differ significantly force and others."

cantly from each other".

The demerger documents show that the EMI Group.

with sales last year of £8.5 billion and operating

profit of 2368 million, would

take £131 million of the

group's total debts at the end

of March, which amounted to

\$391 million. But RMI will also be liable for this year's

Escom, the German com-

puter group, acquired 230 for-mer Rumbelows stores from Thorn EMI in 1994 after the

British group decided to pull out of high street retailing of

consumer electrical goods.

ship last week and its Ger-

Thorn EMI may therefore become liable for the shops if

the receivers do not find buy-

Thorn said yesterday it was

reviewing the situation "in order to establish what liabil-itles (if any) might arise pro-

man parent also crashed.

dividend and tax payments.

hits Thorn EMI

man of People's Europe. Pro-Europe Labour MPs noted a number of strongly anti-Europe motions simulta neously drawn up by constituency parties ahead of

Labour's party conference.

The chairman of the allparty European Movement,
Giles Radice MP, has written terrot to set out the case for nomic action at a European level is far more likely to as-sist Labour's drive to reduce unemployment and improve Britain's competitiveness

spectively if Isaseholds as-signed to Escom UK revert to Thorn under privity of con-tract principles".

lion to 2109 million. But most of the increase came from

profits on the sale of Thorn's 40 per cent interest in its US security business and ana-lustre mana disconnected at the

lysts were disappointed at the underlying operating perfor-

mance.
"Overall, the group was a little bit below expectations, and the music figure is on the

slow side," said Christopher

Page, an analyst with Gold-man Sachs. Thorn shares fell

Operating profit rose by 7 per cent to £74 million, on

Sir Colin said the first quar-

ter of the year was not the most important period and

that he still expected business

to be buoyant for the rest of

He pointed out that cur-

rency movements had de-pressed a much brighter pic-

ture, once the figures were

translated to sterling in local

currency, music sales and

profits were up by 5 per cent and 17 per cent respectively.

EMI Music's successes in the quarter included Tina

Turner's Wildest Dreams

album, which has yet to be released in the US, and George Michael's Older, his

first album for Virgin since quitting Sony. It has sold more than three million

copies outside North America.

Notebook

Missing out on the millennium



Alex Brummer

HE prospect of a perma-nent, funtristic Millen-nium Exhibition, rising phoenix-like from British Gas an exhilarating one.

Anyone who has visited Disney's Epcot in Florida or Hershey Park in Pennsylvania knows that well-planned exhibits and entertainment centres, sponsored or put together by large corpora-tions, can provide enrich-ment and enjoyment, and become significant tourist magnets. With some imagina-tion and commercial wit, they

can be profitable, too.

If the Heritage Department were better at what it does, tract principles".

If the group becomes liable for all 230 shops, the cost would be £30 million. But Colin said he hoped that many of the sites would be sold by the receiver.

News of the liability came with results for the first quarter, which showed a surge in pre-tax profits from £64 million to \$100 million. But most

companies are notoriously mean-spirited when it comes to contributing to the greater public good: of some £76 bil-lion in pre-tax profits made in 1995, only £162 million — 0.21 per cent — found its way into charity and community projects, according to the Charities Aid Foundation. Contrast this with the corporate generosity — not just to its executives — seen among many Fortune 500 companies

42p, 24 per cent, to close at in the US. The millennium offers British industry a chance to give something back to the sales up by £58 million to just over £1.1 billion. country, promote its own ex-cellence and provide a permanent showpiece for commerce. There is an opportunity to recreate the innovation which inspired

the Crystal Palace in the Vic-

torian era. The banks have agreed to support the City pavilion, and British Aerospace, British Airways and BAA are taking part. But great sections of in-dustry, including the pharmaceuticals group Glazo Wellcome, are giving the millennium project a rasp-berry. Even the leisure and brewing industries, which stand to gain from the celebrations, are showing reluctance. Participation in the millen-

nium project is likely to be uplifting for all stakeholders in British companies; shareployers. It is not a question of

versus supporting a millen-nium pavilion. It is a case of British industry giving some-thing back to the nation, and underpinning the value of UK technology and brands at the same time. If that means some arm-twisting by the dep-uty prime minister, so be it.

Halifax hubris

HE Halifax - soon to be Britain's most broadly held consumer bank has deigned to update its members on the next steps to conversion.

However, instead of choosing to write to each member individually, which would ensure that everyone knows the rules of the game, the society explanatory booklet in branch offices. It ought to have realised that a large number of its depositors and borrowers, including those who pay their mortgages by standing order, rarely go near their branch.

indeed, since the flurry of publicity which followed Halifan's decision to merge with the Leeds and turn itself into a pic, it has shown a no-table absence of communica-tion. The Halifax, which will go public in June 1997, we learn from the new booklet, will be a very different group. will be a very different group to the organisation that announced conversion on No-

vember 25, 1994. It has used the intervening period to embark on an ambitious expansion programme. snapping up the books of cen-tral mortgage lenders, buying estate agency offices aban-doned by the Alliance & Leicester, spending £800 million on Clerical Medical and more recently seeking to forge a relationship with health insurance provider

Bupa. Yet, despite this flurry of attempt to explain in its hooklet what this acquisitive strategy, paid for with member funds, is all about or where it is leading. That is not something it will be able to do when it is a plc, without upsetting its big-battalion share-

As for the conversion, it is taking — as chief executive Mike Blackburn acknowledges -- an extraordinarily long time. Putting more than 10 million people on to the same data base is a huge exerthat the regulatory aspects of the change are less arduous than Mr Blackburn claims.

The leisurely timetable loes indicate, however, that share certificates will be distributed in June 1997. This is one windfall which will come too late for the this govern-

Deal wins approval despite attacks from shareholders



Costain pushes through financial plan for survival

OSTAIN, the troubled construction group, received shareholder backing yesterday for a controversial refinancing package that will see a little known Malaysian group take a 40 per cent stake in At a stormy extraordi-

nary general meeting held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in West minster, shareholders approved the deal by just over three to one, despite opposition by Costain's sec biggest shareholder, Kuweit-hesed Kharafi & Sons. which holds 19 per cent.

But the plan — dubbed by Costain as the only one available for its survival was backed by other investors, including Raymond International, the group's other major Middle Rastern

It means Costain, whose contracts from the Department of Transport currently include the contro-versial Newbury by-pass. should be able to stave off receivership. Shares in Costain -

worth £14 each five years ago, but suspended at 39p last month when the group detailed its financial predicament - later returned from suspension, to close up 7p at 46p on the news.
Under the plan, Costain's Benson — were called on to £73.6 million rights issue will go ahead, giving the



involvement in the Newbury by-pass is moved by police

Malaysian group Intria | ring to the fact that Costain Bhd a stake of up to 40 per cent in the enlarged Cos-tain. Other creditors — in-cluding NatWest — will underwrite another 35 per cent in a debt-for-equity

At the meeting the chief executive, Alan Lovell, endured continual attacks from shareholders, during which he and other board members — including the chairman, Sir Christopher

has paid no dividend since 1992, told the board: "You are the most incompetent directors ever. Why are you lining your pockets with money when we haven't got

Afterwards, Mr Lovell said he was "delighted" that so many Costain share-holders had supported the phone. "We can now look forward to continuing to develop our core engineering and construction businesses in the UK and around the world," he said. Earlier, there were scuf-fles outside the meeting as stration by around 50 envi-ronmentalists opposed to Costain's involvement at

the police, the protesters ed placards attacking Costain's environmental record and complained of their treatment.

"The police say they're here to keep the public order, but they know we're fors showing losses once not disorderly," said one

Energy shares show brief rise

Simon Beavis Industrial Edito

MALL shareholders in British Energy briefly Saw their shares go above last week's issue price for the first time yesterday two faulty reactors to power. But the troubled stock soon tumbled back to leave inves-

had completed inspections of reactors at Hunterston B. The Government fervently de-

paid discounted issue price what the Opposition decifor small shareholders of as an "organised deceit".

loss of £9. The closure of the two stations, announced on July 10, sparked a political storm again.

News that British Energy hours after the deadline for

tion of 300 shares mursing a

Ayrshire, and Hinkley Point | nied Labour claims that the B in Somerset, pushed shares | news had been witheld until up to 102p against the partly | after the deadline passed in what the Opposition decribed

for small sharenousers up 100p. But the shares gave up the early gains and closed last launched an inquiry into the issue, concerned by the fact issue, concerned by the fact

been given more information about the problems at the lems at Sizewell B in Suffolk, ahead of the sale. As a result of the technical problems, shares in the com-pany immediately fell at the

that investors could have start of trading last Monday. TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

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One worker missing and another 'critical' after sugar plant blast

ONE worker was miss-ing and another was in critical condition after an explosion at a Tate & Lyle sugar factory in Scotts-bluff, Nebraska, yesterday. Tate said the blast would hit profits by about £10 million this year.

Tons of sugar were scattered up to a mile around the plant when seven silos were shattered in the explosion, which also wrecked the front of the factory building. The plant is one of six be-

longing to Tate's subsidiary Western Star. It processes sugar beet into refined sugar and molasses and produces cattle feed. There was no initial ex-planation for the blast. The

sugar dust might have



Delay builds up gas pressure

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

HE protracted standbetween British Gas and its regulator erupted into new akirmishes yesterday after Ofgas announced it was delaying the announcement of new price controls until

The move immediately prompted an angry response from the privatised company which said the extension of the review of prices charged between the two sides since by its TransCo pipelines busi-May, there is little evidence

would exacerbate uncertainty among shareholders and staff. The two sides have been eneased in a hostile battle since Clare Spottiswoode, the director general of Ofgas, announced in May outline proposals to cut TransCo's prices

by between 20 and 28 per cent from next year. British Gas complained that the proposals were un-duly harsh and would force it to cut dividends and halve its workforos.

Despite repeated meetings

remains likely that the dis-pute will eventually be referred to the Monopolies Commission for resolution.

The final price controls were due to have been announced later this week, although British Gas argues they should have been unveiled up to three weeks ago. Ofgas said that the delay had been necessary because f had only just received de-tailed information on operating costs from the company and needed time to analyse

settling their difference and it | woode was due to go on a twoweek holiday at the end of this week. But the company said that Ofgas could have been given a full breakdown of operating

costs for 1995 much earlier i it had asked for them.
Deputy Chairman Philip Rogerson said: "We now face another three weeks of uncertainty on top of a three-week

delay we've already had."

Ofgas also confirmed yesterday that it had enlisted SBC Warburg to its team of advisers and consultants them thoroughly. The regula- helping with the sensitive

price review. The bank will will reduce them still further be helping Ofgas assess the and impose a one off cut as company's claims that it will low as 16 per cent, giving way be forced to make draconian to anxious lobbying by big cuts in its dividend payments

if the watchdog refuses to water down her proposals. Some observers believe the delays are an indication that Ofgas is preparing to soften its price proposals for what is the most lucrative part of the British Gas empire.

Some analysts are predicting that Ms Spottiswoode will of avoiding an MMC confron-peg prices at around the 20 per cent mark, the bottom end of her indicated range. A few are more optimistic than are even predicting that she they've ever been."

Mr Rogerson said he had seen speculation that the reg-

City institutions. But there was no hint of compromise from the two camps last night

ulator was softening her stance but he had seen no sign of it. Asked if he thought if there was now more chance

Pay-outs by investors rescue fund reach peak

Rachel Baird

ICTIMS of failed investment firms were paid a record £25 million last year, taking the total pay-out by the lavestors Compensation Scheme since 1968 to more than £100 million.

The number of firms whose customers needed help rose by a third last year to 71, according to the ICS annual report, published yesterday. The scheme steps in where a firm is unable to compensate victims of bad advice or poor investment management, and is funded by all authorised in-

Richard Lawson, retiring ICS chairman, defended the need for a "final safety net" ors, despite improv-

further 1,200 people made new of which related to bad advice, while 22 per cent concerned home income plans. Myra Kinghorn, chief executive, said she expected more

pensions-related claims in future as the investigation of mis-selling continues. The pensions industry has not decided how to compensate victims of bad advice whose advisers are unable to pay redress, and Mr Lawson warned that firms must "unequivocally" support whatever funding system was

seathe

Over the next year there are likely to be hundreds of compensation claims from victims of the failed investment firm Knight Williams, which targeted unit trusts at elderly investors. Last week the ICS announced it would consider compensation claims from the firm's clients, some 900 of whom have already lodged claims with Knight Williams's liquidator.

The scheme is also involved in court action with West ing regulation.

More than 1,500 people were compensated by the scheme in the year to March 1996, with 74 per cent of payments falling below £15,000. A home income plans from the first prew home income plans from the failed firm Fisher Prew claims in the year, 55 per cent | Smith. The investors' mortgages were with the West Bromwich, which the ICS says "could be held to be re-ponsible" for the losses. The building society denies this.

101 Golden Rules for Investors

Expect more than more a scribbled note on the back of an envelope as proof of your investment Don't exaggerate your salary, pretend you understand things you don't, or fie about your age

Take with a pinch of salt other people's 'winning formulae,' especially those you hear at the pub Ostriches, chincillas . . . angora gozta: these are not legally defined as investments

BSkyB set to escape monopoly inquiry over cable TV charges

Lisa Buckingham

ATELLITE TV group BSkyB is understood to have escaped a Monopothe terms on which it sup-

But it is not clear what supply conditions the company, which is 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, has been forced to accept in order to escape fur- to make an announcement ther scrutiny of its near-mo-nopoly position. this week, declined to com-ment on the findings of its in-

part of 18 months, and is keen | complained that BSkyB's | to remove the doubts which have clouded investor sentiment about its future.

Although the group's shares fell by 4p to 480p, and: lies Commission inquiry into | lysts said a green light from the OFT — even if there was - would be beneficial to the rating of the company, which is about to expand into digital broadcasting in Britain and Germany.
The OFT, which is expected

nopoly position. ment on the findings of its in-BSkyB, which declined to quiry into BSkyB's use of

ason or another for the best | start-up investment, have | cent profit.

terms on programme supply mean it is hard for them to appear to be competitive with Sky in consumers' eyes.

One of the issues involves BSkyB's insistence that cable package of programmes. The cable industry wants BSkyB to be forced to "unbundle" the package, allowing them to select specific programmes and channels.

And, although BSkyB pro vides programmes to cable networks far more cheaply than to its own direct-to-home comment yesterday, has been market position.

Cable operators, weighed say that the discount is insufoffice of Fair Trading for one down by billions of pounds of ficient for them to earn a de-

The cable companies found an ally in the telecome regula-tor Oftel, whose case to the OFT argued that BSkyB's pricing policies were holding back the development of cable TV in Britain.

But a number of cable comnegotiste individual and bet-ter programming deals with BSkyB, and it is understood that Sam Chisholm, the hardnosed chief executive of BSky8, has pointed this out

to OFT executives.
But even if BSkyB escapes a monopolies inquiry into its programme supply arrange-ments, its exclusive rights to live Premier League football is heading for further investi-

News in brief

Cariton snaps up Cinema Media stake

CARLTON Communications, the media group that owns the London weekday broadcaster Carlton and Central TV, is paying £58.5 million to purchase an 80 per cent slice of the UK cinema solvertising market. The company is buying Cinema Media, better known under its former name of Rank Screen Advertis-ing, which also boasts a monopoly of cinema advertising in Ireland, Michael Green, the clistiman of Carlton, said the deal gave his group "another market-leading business in screen-

Cinema Media, which made operating profits of £7 million on sales of £24.6 million last year, is also developing the sale of advertising for pre-recorded video cassettes, a field in which Carlton is already involved through its Technicolor subsidiary and where it sees further growth opportunities. The cinema advertising company, which has negative net assets of £1.9 million, was the subject of a management buy-in in 1992 backed by Schroder Ventures. — Lisa Buckingham

Shorter crash barrier

THE New York Stock Exchange will shut down for half an hour instead of an hour if the Dow Jones industrial average slumps 250 points in the first important change to the circuit breakers introduced after the 1987 crash. The 250-point market halt rule was part of the package of post-1987 measures designed to take the sting out of market panics. In the bedlam of 1987 the Dow crashed 518 points on October 19, its worst day ever. The trading halts have never been used although it was a close run thing on March In which the Dow fell 218 points before rebounding late in the day. In another change, likely to come within a few months, the New York Stock Exchange is expected to increase the size of the drop that would trigger a temporary shutdown by at least 100 points.

Reckitt raises £48m

RECKITT & Colman has raised a further 548 million from the latest in a string of asset sales that have brought in a total of £400 million. Reckitt has sold the 80 per cent owned Brazilian pigments and coatings unit, Globo Tintas E Pigmentos, for 260.1 million. The joint purchasers are Bayer and the US group Sherwin-Williams. Globo's 1995 pre-tax profit was £8.9 million. of which the contribution to Reckitt & Colman was approximately £7.1 million. Net assets at December 31 were £15.6 million. The sale is part of the group's strategy of concentrating on household products, and does not affect its household products business in

BAA takes control

BAA yesterday announced it was taking full control of Heathrow Express, the planned rail link between central London and Heath-row Airport, by paying British Rail £19.8 million for the 30 per cent stake it does not already own. The 16-minute rail link from London's Paddington station to Heathrow is scheduled to open on

Beware of the ostrich, avoid

TS official: the entrepre neurial, risk-it-all society mothered by Mrs Thatcher has come to an end. Enter, in its place, the cautious, sensible world of the 1990s.

Yesterday the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) unveiled "101 golden ules" for investors, designed to stop money being lost. (The Scheme's money. that is. Every time an authorised investment fund) goes belly-up, the ICS has to cars, bloodstock, gemcough up as much as stones, doubloons and £48,000 to each punter.)

The list contains items to make the free-marketeer the ICS warns. shudder. "Be wary of get- So if you put rich-quick schemes." the into any of the report says. Try telling that to Alan Sugar, Richard Branson or George Soros. Also included in the lit-any is this warning: "If you've never heard of the investment, or it seems particularly complicated, is

this really for you?" Good job the report was not in the hands of the orig-inal Microsoft investors. 'Microwho? No thank you, the ICS has warned me about people like you." David Cresswell, the ICS Investment Relations Maniger, admitted to a degree of caution.

"We are dealing with money pages of your newspeople who have lost their life savings, so maybe there you're talking.

is an innate scapticism." he

He also admitted that the ICS could have something to gain, given that four out of five complaints are now about the grey area of "bad advice" from the army of investment experts in pur-suit of Aunt Ethel's money. "Fewer claims would cer-

tainly be good for our bot-tom line," he said. Unfortunately for the budding investor, the ICS guidelines are often confus-ing. For example: "Visit your adviser at his offices. This can tell you a lot about

the type of business."
As Mr Cresswell says: "Without wishing to be snobby, if the adviser is in a Portakabin that should tell on something."

But on the very next page, the ICS cautions against being over-awed by suave manners and plush offices". According to Mr Cresswell, potential inves-tors should beware of "ex-

tremes". Great. There is at least one sec tion, though, where the guidelines are clear. "Ostriches, chinchillas, fine wine, tulip bulbs, classic angora goats are not legally defined as investments."

So if you put your money into any of these, no compensation can be paid. Bad news for ostrich-egg farming - one of the growth areas of the future.

Other parts of the report, on the other hand, seem to be encouraging grandmothers to suck eggs.

"Think about your plans for the future," is one ex-ample. And: "Be cautious of . . . correction fluid on important documents." So correction fluid can be used cover things up, eh? Crafty devils.
But the ICS does come up

with a truly golden piece of advice, "Always read the

CAA safety review to tighten up loopholes in aircraft vetting rules

Keith Harper Transport Editor

OUGHER controls on foreign-registered aircraft that land in Britain without being properly vetted are to be considered by the Government in a review it is conducting with the Civil Aviation Authority.

The review has been triggared by the crash of an Air Algerie plane at Coventry two years ago, in which there were several fatalities. It had not been examined by the British authorities, although any foreign aircraft hired by a UK carrier must undergo

terday there was further | thousands of tourists unable | airline has agreed to put some scope for action, and said it was on a list of priorities the CAA would be pursuing over the next few months.

With thousands of air movements each day, it is impossible to vet every foreign registered aicraft, but the De partment of Transport and the CAA are to inquire into how registration loopholes can be closed. One of the CAA's aims will be to im-

creased pressure to deal with the collapse of air-tour operators. It operates a fund which guarantees full compensation to tourists affected by com-

prove communications.
The CAA also faces in

to fly out or return from the of the money on hold. Mediterranean and Canary Islands. The CAA said the cost of reimbursing customers was a million and it had been forced to apply to the Government for permission to borrow up to a further £11 million. Legislation is required to change funding rules, but the Government has not had sufficient parlia-mentary time for It. CAA officials said if the fund dried up,

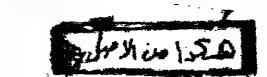
passengers would have to be surcharged at 50p a head. • EU Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock is set to clear the last of a Ff20 billion (£2.5 billion) state-aid package for Air France. writes Julie stringent tests.

Sir Malcolm Field, the Flight Company, which CAA's chairman, agreed yes- ceased trading last week, left usual deal with Brussels the

Mr Kinnock yesterday con-firmed he had reached agree ment with the French govern ment over the final Ff5 billion instalment of a package approved two years ago by his predecessor, Marcelino Oreja.

Commission sources said that Ffl billion of this will only be released to Air France after the Commission's report on the airline's restructuring in March 1997. Despite this and several other concessions, the Commission is certain to be condemned by private carriers, including British Airways, currently challenging the initial aid package in the Euro-pean Court of Justice.

...UPAGEAR.



White Feather lands at Boro

lan Ross on a warm Riverside reception for the £7m striker Fabrizio Ravanelli

HE SUN beat down relentlessly and the talk was of the beautiful game, but this was not

ful game, but this was not Turin. Far from it.

In the shimmering haze of summer Teesside has rarely looked better as down by the Riverside something stirred—again.

To the sound of rapidly emptying bank coffers. Middlesbrough laid down the welcome mat for the pampered feet of another pampered feet of another luminary improbably lured to an ambitious if still un-fashionable club.

The latest to step off the

Continental conveyor belt was Italy's Fabrizio Ravanelli, tempted away from Juventus in a £7 million transfer deal.

The "White Feather" . his famous grey locks un-sympathetically shorn— was given the now-tradi-tional Boro welcome by a crowd of more than 750.
It is one extended to all

overseas players drawn to the club by the heady brew of naked ambition and

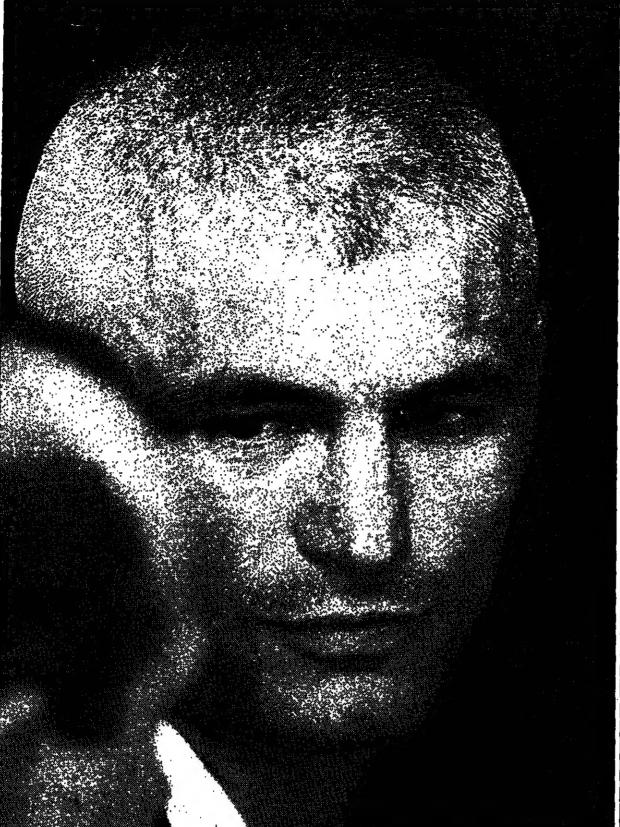
Last month, after Mid-diesbrough's manager Bryan Robson persuaded him to embark on what he calls a "great adventure", Ravanelli confessed he did not even know where Middiesbrough was. His sense ofgeography improved, he was the perfect diplomat vesterday.

"I hope we can achieve something great here," he said, speaking through an interpreter. "I was im-pressed with Bryan Robson when I met him and I also knew him as a great footballer.

"The players he has brought to his club prove the level of smbition. He has said that I have the chance of helping to create history because Middlesbrough hasn't won anything at all for more than 100 years. To be honest, I would sell me. That they did, hurt and saddened me,

but it is all behind me." Ten years ago Middlesbrough were perched on the abyss. The receivers were called in and the gates to the club's former home. Ayresome Park, were

padlocked.
The transformation has



From Turin to Teesside . . . Ravanelli arrived yesterday to start his 'great adventure'

players. Juninho, Branco and Emer son. There was also the arrival of Hull's finest,

Nick Barmby. The talk yesterday was of mbition, objectives and attainable targets but, clearly, had the deal not

been utterly astonishing. Ravanelli would presumSince his installation in ably still be with Juve.
May 1994, Robson has inwested £24 million in new £42,000 a week can be wasting someone else's club in the season ahead."

May 1994, Robson has inwested £24 million in new £42,000 a week can be "Fabrizio reminds me band of the club's managing

His annual £1.3 million salary probably moves him just ahead of Chelsea's Gianluca Vialli but just be-hind Newcastle's Faustino Asprilla in the big earners'

leagne. As befits a man who has

the latest in a long line to be picking up around to offer £7 million for the following the Brazilians £25,000 every seven days. Shearer, Fowler or Sher-ingham — I would just be laughed at.

been placed in such an enswiftly acquired the knack will complement the type of O'Neill has made a £1 milficing silver — or more acof spending freely and player that he will find lion bid for Norwich's
curately golden — lining without a hint of fear of himself alongside at this winger Darren Eadie.

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Tetley Challenge Series (Final day) KENT + PAKISTAN XI

CENTY & PARISTAN AS Cassistency Paristan won by eight wires. SENT: First imnings 262 (T R Ward 56, D P Febon 18, M A Eathern 57: Wassin Akram 474) PARCEAN XIX First (mings 194 (Reshid Latt 81; Estham 4–48), KENTI Second innings 200 (Seqlain Musti-tus 4-48).

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Tour match

May 1994, Robson has invested £24 million in new players.

Ravanelli is no more than Ravanelli i dian international forward for £600,000 and Birming-ham's midfielder Richard Forsyth has gone to Stoke "So I decided to look for £200,000 as Trevor Fran-abroad. He is one of the cis attempts to raise £1 milbest goalscorers in the lion to sign the Blackburn world. He is direct and posi-striker Mike Newell. tive and I do think that he Leicester's Martin

Rugby Union

Twickenham must consider break with Sky

NGLAND will today begin two days of try-ing to convince the other members of the Five Nations committee that the championship.

Delegations from England, France, Wales, Scotland and Ireland will meet in Cardiff at the instigation of the new Rugby Football Union presi-dent John Richardson. But a more crucial gathering will convene in Dublin tomorrow, when the Five Nations com-

formally considered there, al-though the bottom line is that the RFU would probably have to tear up its £87.5 million contract with BSkyB and reenter joint negotiations.

"The chief aim is the resto-

ration of the Five Nations Championship," said Rich-ardson. "I am intent on finding a solution but we know that whatever the outcome it will not please everybody, but this is a serious and impor-

championship's television contract until the end of this month," he said.

fronts: the sovereignty of the Five Nations committee when it comes to negotiating the television contract; equal television contract; equal shares for all; the sacrosanctity of the tendering process so that everyone has a chance to bid for the rights; and acceptance that money is not the only issue, that the television andience has to be considered.

There have been suggestions that Sky is prepared to re-allocate some of England's cash to Scotland, Ireland and Wales, but that would not

Wales, but that would not offer a way out. As far as they

are concerned all four unions should take equal shares.

The RFU's delegates in Cardiff represent the split within its ranks: on the one hand Richardson and Chiff Britile cours the first for the tradition. carry the flag for the traditionalists; on the other John Jea-vons-Fellows and Colin Her-ridge were part of the team that concluded the Sky deal.

"The Five Nations championship is paramount to the future," said Brittle. "At the moment we are heading tant issue."

Vernon Pugh, chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union and of the International Rugby Board, does not believe the issue will be resolved for two months, however. "We have extended the deadline for companies to tender for the championship's television international level."

moment we are heading towards contracting the game and would end up with five elite nations worldwide. We have to take our heads out of the sand, look ahead and expand the game in Europe by creating new competitions at international level."

Brittle has the support of five majority of the majo pand the game in Europe by creating new competitions at to non-terrestrial stations international level."

England are prepared to reconsider their position."

England would be required to make concessions on four have called for the Sky deal to remain, not least because they stand to benefit by

£22.5 million.
Tom Kiernan, the chairman of the Five Nations committee, said: "We will just have to waif and see what England propose. It is an appalling state of affairs that such a major tournament has been abandoned — but we hope just temporarily."

to prove most acceptable is to agree to split the champion-ship money equally between all four unions and for the RFU to negotiate its own deals for other internationals and the Courage League.
Neither England's partici-

nor its right to stage matches are under threat, yet; but Wales, Scotland and Ireland will make it clear that should against them — as has been threatened — for loss of inmitted to the championship its future as a member of the IRB will become an issue.

The three have another card to play: they could lobby MPs to make the champion-ship one of sport's crown jew-

But the downside is two-Brittle has the support of fold: it would diminish the the majority of the RFU's value of the tournament, but member chubs and the threat as far as they are concerned month," he said.

"The time for talking in regions, especially the North, would cost it as much ultipublic has come to an end; it is a matter now for the negotiating table and what we will general meeting to debate a find out this week is whether work of no confidence in those money than Sky.

Llanelli eye Tuigamala

LANELLI, aided by a 23 million cash injection from two benefactors, are trying to lure Va'aiga Tui-gamala and Scott Gibbs from rugby league.
The club's members last

week overwhelmingly ac-cepted a proposal for Llanelli to become a public limited now want Wigan's Tuiga-maia, a former All Black, and the former Wales and Lions centre Gibbs, although his former club Swansea — who player back when he switched codes - are working on a package to interest him. Richmond have baulked at

the £200,000 price St Helens

with international centres.
Tuigamala has also been

Thigamaia has also been linked with Wasps and Bath; if either were to succeed the deal would probably see him play union in winter and league for Wigan in the summer, but Lianelli want him full-time. The asking price would be around \$400,000. Llanelli are also interested in Warrington's stand-off les-

tyn Harris, though his future could lie with the South Wales rugby league team fast-tracked into next season's Super League last week. South Wales want to recruit

four league players and are cannot link up with the club prepared to share them with until the Super League season union clubs in the Principaliered on September 8.

have put on Gibbs's head and cardiff, who have also expressed an interest in the 25-year-old, are well stocked with international centres.

ty. If Llanelli do sign Harris, who could become league's first £1 million player, they will probably have to make a deal with South Wales.

been brokered by a Japanese bank that has contacts with New Zealand players, specifically the All Black reserve back-row forward Blair Larsen, who could be on his way to Stradey Park next season.

Dang Lond rugby league captain, has taken up a £30,000 interna-tional-squad contract from the Welsh Rugby Union, the first player returning from league to get such a deal.

Young has joined Cardiff from Salford for £55,000 but

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NORTHABAPTOMSHIRE MOTORCYCLING
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Tour Match: Kent v Pakistan Xi

Shadab cuts his teeth

Our Correspondent at Canterbury

F NOTHING else the Pakistants were able to put the humiliation of last week's defeat by Warwickshire behind them and bat themselves into some kind of form for Thursday at Lord's.

free cruise on a friendly wicket. Kent toiled but their batting inadequacies on Sun-day had left the bowlers with an impossible task, and Ijaz Ahmed was in imperious form. He followed up a half-century at Edgbaston with a chanceless 136 not out.

Kent did make an early strike when Graham Cowdrey, his shape belying his speed and agility, pulled off a spectacular catch to dismiss Aamir Sohail in mid-morn-

match. Shadab then passed 50 for the third time in four in-nings on tour, finishing on 84. He displayed great patience and a fine array of shots. If Saeed Anwar, who is expected

to recover from a stomach bug, has a relapse the Pakistanis would do well to pici Shadab for Lord's. He hit a dozen boundaries but more importantly shared in a pun-ishing 186-run second-wicket stand with Ijaz. Shadab had made a nuisance of himself when Eng-

land played a warm-up gaine against a Karachi XI as part of the build-up to their World Cup campaign. On that occasion they lost, too, and Shadab hit a sparkling 74.

The teenager's promise is undeniable but he was content to defer to his partner,

liaz's innings was one of mus-

the prodigiously talented Shadab Rabir. A 19-year-old playing bit, a book into the ing in only his 15th first-class crowd for six.

In between there was plenty to entertain a sparse crowd on a hot day. Cowdrey's de-light at holding on to the catch was surpassed by his reaction when he captured the wicket of Shadab, caught by Trevor Ward at slip when the youngster was nearing his hundred. And then there were the Haz strikes: 19 fours and four sixes: Saglain Mushtag picked up

the Man of the Match award for the seven wickets he took with his controlled off-spinners, but flaz and Shadab ran him close.

The paceman Waqar Younis, however, is still not 100 per cent over his hamstring strain and faces a fit-ness test in the Lord's nets tomorrow. If there is the slightest doubt about his ability to last Mohammad Akram It brought haz out to join cular pulls and powerful or Shahid Nazir will play.

County Championship: Lancashire v Derbyshire

Cork keeps Derbyshire in the title hunt

Andy Wilson at Old Trafford

ANCASHIRE and this ground seem to bring out the best in Dominic Cork. Almost a year since his Test hattrick against West Indies, he snatched a victory Derbyshire seemed to have souandered with 34 not out from 16 balls, hitting the winning single from the third ball of

the last over.
Cork, who on Saturday shared a county-record eighth-wicket stand to avert against Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup, in for 20 in eight overs — two 1994 at Derby and the previous each for Chapple, who bowled ous year at Lord's, when his an admirable nine-over spell

championship since 1936 very much alive. They stand fifth, 33 points behind the leaders Yorkshire with a game in hand.

two sessions, Derbyshire were cruising at 204 for two at the start of the last hour. Jones reached a century from 184 balls in the next over but then drove Keedy to long off, ending a partnership of 196 in 43 overs with his predecessor the follow-on, has also played as captain, Barnett, who bat-two match-winning innings ted beautifully for his 92 Four more wickets tumbled

Gold Award and Derbyshire Keedy, bowling left-arm over their last trophy. This knock into the rough.

kept their hopes of their first Not the least of Cork's tritimphs was to prove that this tactic can be countered. He Set 289 to win in the last

four and the third for another six. He plundered 17 off the over, all but sealing Derbyshire's fifth victory in aix Bates with belated success; championship games against three deliveries later he is ancashire and making Jason had Graham Gooch caught without scoring. player in championship hisous year at Lord's, when his an admirable nine-over spell tory to score a treble century aries from Rollins (74 not unbeaten 93 won him the in energy-sapping heat, and and finish on the losing side. out) speeded Essex home.

| Middlesex spin pair conjure up an unlikely win

THE spin bowlers Paul Weekes and Phil Tufnell took just over an hour vesterday to give Middlesex an improbable 26-run victory over Northamptonshire. The home side lost their last six wickets for 45 runs as, needing only 77 to reach the victory target of 288, they collapsed from 216 for

four to 261 all out. Weekes claimed four for 61, including the key wick ets of Kevin Curran (62) and David Capel (95), and Tufnell tidied up the in-nings by removing Paul Taylor and Russell Warren.

Northamptonshire needed Capel and Curran, whose partnership was day, to carry them closer to their target. But Curran drove a return catch to Weekes off the fourth ball and the off-spinner then struck twice in as many deliveries, having Jeremy Snape and John Emburey held at midwicket by Jason

Pooley. While Capel was there Northamptonshire still had a chance but Weekes trapped him leg-before with 85 still needed. He had batted for more than four hours, hitting a six and

nine fours.
At Chelmsford the offspinner Peter Such took full advantage of his proswept his first ball from motion up the order to Keedy for six and although score the second half-centhe required run-rate contin-ted to escalate to the point where 19 were needed off the last two overs, it was the pen-wicket victory over

ultimate over from Keedy that proved decisive.

Cork swept the first ball for wicket stand of Such shared in a thirdwicket stand of 110 with

But a flurry of bound-

OLYMPIC GAMES

There is as yet no women's NBA and no basketball millionairesses, but we may not have long to wait after Atlanta

Bright Dawn for women's game prompt

Basketball

ERE IS a thing that Dawn Staley does with a baskethall. thing that reminds you why it

it down the court. Suddenly she starts to spin round. As she spins, she lets the ball go. You cannot tell how or where, because the part of her that is letting it go is moving at a different speed from the rest of her. And her eyes give no indication that she has seen Lisa Leslie coming up behind.

The ball hangs on Staley's fingertips and then, as she completes her spin, just seems to hang, four feet from the ground. Leslie plucks it out of the air, drives at an angle through the wrong-footed Cuban defence, and makes a two-point lay-up. The United States women's team are on their way to an 101-84

sard victory in an unbroken sequence stretching back a year, and keep them on course for a gold medal that would give women's basketball a big boost, justifying their claim to a share in the Dream Team franchise.

Staley produces that kind of thing a lot: the fake, the nolook pass, the ball smuggled behind her back, which she calls "my signature play". swift, graceful, selfless audac-ity that makes you think of Juninho or Graeme Bachop.

She does not look like a basketball player. She looks blunt and street-bugh, which — born 26 years ago in the very mean streets of North Philadelphia — she is, but at 155 She she is the team's small. 5ft 6in she is the team's smallest player. You would never guess that she and Lisz Leslie have roomed together throughout the 12-month

build-up to the Olympics. For Leslie is your average of 5in Ethiopian princess, of refined beauty. Her picture is in the May issue of American Vogue and there is a bong fide modelling contract in her kithag. Born in Inglewood, younger than Staley but the grooming makes her seem ketball. And just because we older. While the other women can't dunk, that doesn't mean

at, Leslie glows Yet she is a former national college player of the year, and against Cuba she was the team's top scorer, with 24 points and seven rebounds. And Magic Johnson was at courtside on Sunday to cheer on a woman who has participated in dozens of training essions with the Los Angeles Lakers. "Earvin," she calls him, as only his friends may. Hers is the most obviously marketable face of women's

But Staley is the friend with whom she currently shares her destiny. "I guess it's a question of opposites at-tracting." Leslie said after the game. "She's East Coast, I'm game. "She's East Coast, I'm West. She's a little conservative; I'm known for being a believe that it's possible."

Hollywood, I'm immer city," she said. "I'm a product of inner-city life. I grew up play-Richard Williams that is going to rub off on

> Yet Staley, too, is market-able. Now the girl who grew up playing with the guys at the corner of 25th Street and Diamond Avenue in North Philly can take a cab downtown and see her portrait six storeys high, in a mural com-missioned by Nike.

"My mama went to the unveiling and she cried," Staley said. "Am I flattered? I was truly overwhelmed. That's the stuff you dream about. When I heard about it, I thought 'oh, it'll be just a lit-tle wall'. But it was truly huge. And every time I see it, it's like it's getting bigger." She is not likely to get too

grand about the honour, though. "It's above a Burger King," she observed.

There are no airs about Sta-

ley. She grew up playing ball in the streets and the parks: baseball, football, basketball, mostly with the guys. "I wasn't always the first person picked," she said. "I wasn't opening win.

This will give them their picked. But it got to the point 53rd victory in an unbroken where I earned my place.

TALEY was in junior high school when she got a letter from a college offering her a basketball scholarship. "I knew that it mould be my coll shapen of

would be my only chance of getting to college."

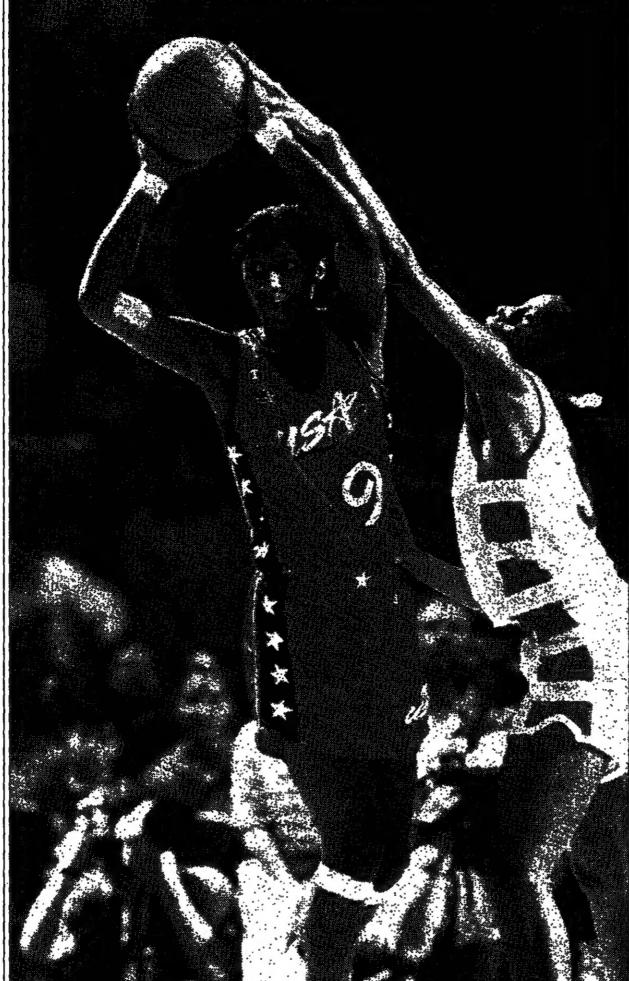
At the University of Vir-ginia she became a star, but the absence of women's professional basketball in the US meant that afterwards the only option was to go abroad and play as a freelance. Her agent sent her to Brazil, Italy, Spain and France. But last year, like her team-mates, she preferred to accept the US basketball association's offer of a \$50,000 (233,000) salary in exchange for devoting herself to the 12-month project of

winning gold.
"The chemistry in our team is getting better all the time," she said. "Throughout the year I've had to think about who I'm passing to and what kind of pass to give, but the way the team is now I can give pretty much anybody any kind of pass. They might not know how the ball is go-ing to get to them, but they

"I want to play exciting bas-ketball. And just because we our games aren't fun.

These women are smart and funny and eloquent, and if anyone can create a women's version of the NBA. tell: besides the modelling and the superstar friendships. Leslie can talk about a background in which, after the death of her father, she was brought up by an aunt while a long-distance truck. Like the rest of them, she is

conscious of a sense of mis-sion. "We decided to fight together," she said. "Not just for our country, or for women's basketball, but for want a chance to play and who might see us and begin to little bit Hollywood."
Staley was blunter. "She's like Dawn Staley. Girls like Lisa Leslie, girls



Top model . . . Lisa Leslie, the face of May in American Vogue, deploys her 6ft 5in frame in Sunday's win over Cuba

Women's preliminaries

Men's 400m individual

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Women's 200m freestyle

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Women's 100m breaststroke

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Softball

Swimming

Sunday's results

Basketball

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Light flyweight (48kg)

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Three face expulsion

Drugs

Martin Palmer

FIER only four days of Olympic action in Atlanta the organis-ers are fighting a arguard battle to keep the Games drug-free. Already they have three offenders to deal with, all of whom are expected to be thrown out.

Just before the games At-anta officials learned that the Anstralian sprinter Dean Capobianco and Italian high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua had failed drug tests. Yesterday Finnish authorities warned them that their national champion shot-put-ter Markus Koistinen had also failed a doping test.

domestic officials will decide next Monday whether to fly him to Atlanta for judgment or suspend him immediately.

or suspend him immediately.
The cases of Capobianco, who blames faulty testing, and Bevilacqua, who is appealing for leniency, will be dealt with by the International American Athletic Fedin Atlanta on Thursday, the day before the athletics programme begins. But given the IAAF's attitude to these cases, none of them is likely to comets at Atlanta.

Capobianco tested positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol at a meeting in the Dutch town of Hengelo in May, but an Australian tribu-nal did not impose the manda-tory four-year suspension be on Peppermint Park.

Bevilacqua, one of the world's top six high-jumpers on this year's form, tested positive twice for ephedrine last May, but the Italian federation accepted her explana-tion that she had taken the banned stimulant by mistake and waived their automatic three-month suspension.

LAAF officials are unhappy with both decisions. They do not accept the Australian argument that Capobianco's urine samples could have been sabotaged, and point out that if these athletes were allowed to compete and then lost their appeal hearings the Olympic results would have to be changed retrospectively.

Chen Kinhua, Britain's former World Cup winner, will make a 24-hour marathon flight halfway round the His test samples were taken in May, but the results were only recently announced. Kolstinen, rated 10th in the world, is still in Helsinki and domestic officials will decide in his first match as Evident. in his first match on Friday, but has been marconed for five days in his home prov-ince of Fujian, unable to catch a flight to Beijing.

Britain's table tennis manager Alan Ransome, the Brit-ish Olympic Association and its sponsor Delta Airlines have combined to draw up a schedule which should bring Chen to Atlants on Wednes-day afternoon after changing planes in Hong Kong, Singa pore and Frankfurt.

 Matt Ryan, who won indi-vidual and team gold medals has been forced to withdraw from the three-day event in Atlanta because his horse Hinnegar is lame. His team place will go to Gillian Rolton

Herbert made to order for piece of eight

LASTING image of the Olympic boat that carries a cox. "I'm one of only 10 people was Garry Herbert, cox to the Searle brothers, weeping on television as the says. 'I want it just as much national anthem was played as the guys who go out there ing on television as the at the medal ceremony. Four in the winter slogging up and vesus after the trio snatched down the Henley Reach. victory from the Abbagnale brothers Greg and Jonny have found seats in the coxess four and, the coxed pair having been removed from the Olympic programme, Herbert is now calling the strokes

for Britain's eight.
"I order people around, which is what I like to do, what I was born to do," says Herbert, a harrister waiting to start his pupillage after the

He has spent the year as the right-hand man to the coach holders, won the race, with Sean Bowden, pursuing the squad on their twice-weekly cycle rides round Berkshire in a four-wheel drive to rescue the punctured and the

stragglers.
"When I get back in the boat I bring two dimensions," Herbert says. "What I see through Sean's eyes and what see in the boat. Sean is the biggest rhythm and technique man among the coaches I've ever had. Every lift and every power stroke on the ergo has been monitored and every piece timed so that we can see

our progress. The work is paying off on Lake Lanier as the eight showed by keeping on terms with the Canadians and Australians for most of their heat yesterday. With this year's outstanding crew, the Netherlands, powering to the fastest time of the day while Britian were in fourth place, it may not have looked that impres sive, but Bowden was pleased. He said: "We have to start a bit faster in Wednes- has tonsillitis.

christopher Dodd

good row, especially in the middle part. Garry plays the best role that anyone can play, which is to stay positive

The eight is now the only who can compete in the Olympics in this seat," Herbert

The second qualifying place for Sunday's final went to the United States, coached by Steven Redgrave's old coach Mike Spracklen. They have come good after a poor season

and best the Germans by a 1.5sec for the qualifying place. The British women's eight had a rotten row, summarised by Annemarie Stapleton in the bow seat: "We had a crap start, got dumped, and never got into a rhythm." The Romanians, world-record the world champions, the United States, losing the final qualifying place in the other heat to Belarus.

Nick Strange and Andy Sinton led their heat of the light-weight doubles at 500 metres but finished last. Sinton complained about the wash from the official motor boats that was making life difficult in the outside lanes. Strange and Sinton also spent a night in the athletes' rest tent after running foul of the transport system back to the village.
The lightweight four were

well off the pace, finishing 15 seconds behind the Danes. Repechages for all yesterday's events are tomorrow.

The scullers Guin Batten and Peter Haining, the women's pair and the men's double scullers take part in repechages today. It is not known if Guy Pooley ir James Cracknell will partner Bob Thatcher in the double Cracknell did not row in the heat on Sunday because he

Today in Atlanta

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Gold at end of Rainbow for Heyns

Swimming

David Hopps

forced to concede the honour of carrying South Africa's flag at the opening ceremony. How-ever strong the determination to bury racial differences in young Rainbow Nation, Springbok tattoo on her left arm was an embarrass ment that could not be

A few days after a tattoo that was innocently applied in childhood had inadvertently provided a reminder of the country's apartheid past, Heyns has now become a glo-rious symbol of the new

The flag of a unified South Africa was raised for the first time at the Olympic Games to celebrate Heyns's gold-medal swim in the 100 metres breaststroke final. If nationalistic breast-beating can be over-bearing in the modern Olym-pics, the strains of God Bless Africa around the Georgia Tech Aquatic Stadium pos-

sessed a symbolism that few could question. Sam Ramsamy, the presi-dent of South Africa's Olympic committee, had particular cause to revel in Heyns's achievement Four years ear-lier, he had pressed for her inclusion in a hastily assem-bled South African team in Barcelona, much to the annovance of swimming offi-cials, who felt vindicated when she finished 33rd.

Ramsamy's collection of promising, but unproven, young competitors — largely black and coloureds — was a calculated political decision. It angered those who were suspicious of affirmative action, but it quickened the move towards a truly multi-racial South African team. Heyns herself has said of the 1996 squad: "We are the real South Africa."

As Heyns and the rest of the

as The Arcade Kids, such was their eagerness to sample the teenaged attractions of that

Four years on, with the help of a swimming scholar-ship from the University of Nebraska, a middle-class white girl has vindicated Ramsamy, although few would fail to recognise the

irony. Heyns's lime-green cap remained in front throughout the race, even if Amanda Beard, a 14-year-old from the US, came uncomfortably close in the closing strokes. "I wasn't sure I had won until Amanda told me," Heyns said afterwards. "I was upset that I glided to the wall instead of taking an extra stroke."

if Ramsamy's eyes welled with tears that was nothing compared to the response to South Africa's last Olympic gold, also in the pool, in Hel-sinki 44 years ago. Joan Har-rison's butterfly victory was so unexpected that the team manager, Alex Bulley, fainted from the shock.

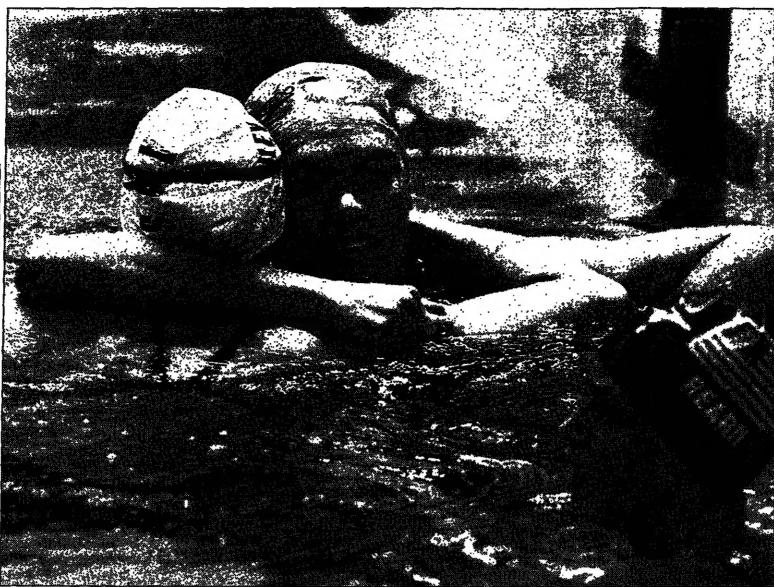
South African sport has strengthened the strands of a new, unsure society. A pre-dominantly white team won the rugby World Cup and a soccer side drawn mostly from the black population prevailed in the African

Nations Cup. Heyns's victory, to follow her world-record swim of lmin 07.46sec in the morn-ing's heats, has fired South Africa's belief that they are fit to host the 2004 Games.

The message inherent in such a choice would be over-

whelming but as the Interna-tional Olympic Committee chose Atlanta rather than Athens for the centenary Games, they are more receptive to commercialism than symbolism. Rome remains the favourite. Not that the South African

delegation are relying exlusi-vely on symbolism; they have also slagged off the Atlanta transport system, which must be the easiest vote-winner around. Whatever the diffiexperimental group wan-dered wide-eyed around Bar-is moving ahead more surely celons, they became known than the Atlanta buses.



Victory embrace . . . South Africa's Penelope Heyns is congratulated by the bronze-medallist Samantha Riley of Australia

'Franzi' caught on the rebound

after her victories in the Barcelona Olympics. As a child, her school had backed on to the Berlin Wall; occasionally she guilelessly lobbed balls over to the West and won-dered why her teachers chided her so, writes David

Hopps.
In the past four years
Franzi' has gained a popularity in Germany to rival
Steffi Graf's, but her expected gold in Sunday's 200

recorded imin 58.16sec to claim Costa Rica's first Olympic gold with Van Almsick second, the Ger-man swimming almost two seconds outside her world record.

Van Almsick had vowed that in the build-up to the finals she would divorce herself from German media expectation. "From the start I did not listen to relay squad. They twice set them," she said. "But the national records, chopping

satisfied the United States's craving for gold with victory in the 400m individual medley, edging out his fel-low countryman Eric Na-

mesnik in 4.14.90 in the

most compelling contest of the opening two nights. The challenge facing Britphasised by the experience of the men's 200m freestyle

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Tom Dolan, an asthmatic,
was open of 7.18.74
when he recorded the third fastest
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Sarah Hardcastle was upreach last night's final of the 400m freestyle. "It was the best time I've ever swum in the morning at 400," she said after clocking 4.14.50. "If I can step up my endurance work in the next few days, it should leave me in good stead for the 800 later in the week." James Hickman, from the

recorded the third fastest time in the heats of the 200m butterfly.

Hickman's 1.58.16 shaved more than three-tenths of a second off his British record as he responded positively to the pace set by the Russian world record holder Denis Pankratov. "It's like a war out there

these guys are so good," said Hickman. "But I stood next to the world record holder and I wasn't in Stockport Metro Club, be- awe."

Crews warned against fierce heat

Sailing

Bob Fisher

OMPETITORS were warned about danger-ous heat and humidity before the regatta got under way on Wassaw Sound near Savannah yesterday. Temperatures in the 90s Fahrenheit were forecast, with high bumidity, and the organisers told sailors to take precau-tions or both factors could take their toll.

Racing was delayed by an hour on all courses and it was soon raining heavily. A change from south-west-south to south was expected mid-afternoon, boosting winds to around 15 knots and threaten-

ing fiercer thunderstorms. All the 10 medal classes will contest at least 11 races over 12 days, with the series for the three-handed Solings culminating with a match-racing final. The first races for the

Britain's team manager Rod Carr has high expectations. His sailors have formed a reassuring team spirit, help-ing each other through the difficult business of boat and equipment measurement to ensure there are no psychological barriers as they go into the early races. They have avoided the pressure which, for instance, Jeff Madrigali, the United States Soling sailor, had to face as his boat went through three days' inspection before it con-formed with the strict class

Andy Beadsworth, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead Britain's Soling team, may feel their chances have been improved thereby and also by the problems of the Danish sailor Stig Westergeard, whose boat was not only investigated but rejected. Westergaard has been assigned the second Spanish boat as a replacement, rather than the boat in which he qualified by beating the 1992 gold medallist Jesper Bank. The first six after the fleet-racing qualify for the match-racing knock-

John Merricks and Ian Walker in the 470s are reckoned to be Britain's ! chance for gold and yesterday they were watching races on action takes place, studying the intricacies of the weather and current patterns and how they affect the boats. Mer-ricks said: "The boat's all ready to go, we feel tuned in ourselves and we can't wait for race one."

Much will depend on the weather. Ben Ainslie, the 19year-old Laser sailor, experi-enced the effect of its changes when he led the practice race until, in the build-up to a storm, the wind shifted through 30 degrees and dumped him well down the fleet. He realises that the winning strategy is "to avoid a disaster" and make sure that there are no really bad results.

Carr believes Ainslie, who won the youth world champi-onship last year, is "in the medal zone". Ainslie sees his main opponent as Robert Scheidt of Brazil, the world champion. "The Brazilian guy should be up there if there is anything of a breeze," he said. "He's always at the top end of the fleet."

Giles farms every corner

Hockey

Duncan Mackay

ALUM GILES will probably spend less than five minutes on the pitch during the Olympic tournament, yet be holds the key to the medal chances of British men's team.

Like a specialist kicker in American football, he twice left the bench to strike home the penalty corners that earned Britain a 2-2 draw against South Korea, one of the competition's most fan-cied teams, on Sunday. That done, he trotted back to the bench and sat down again.
The 23-year-old from

Havant had already earned a strong reputation in interna-tional hockey as a penaltycorner expert, 2 player who spends only a few moments on the pitch but is as deadly as an Alan Shearer or Robbie

winners in Seoul. The man with the distinctive bandana is set to become the most recognisable figure in hockey in this country since Sean Kerly, the hero of that winning squad. 'He's a rule, but notes that the Dutch bit like a gunslinger," says Britain's team manager nerspecialist

David Whittall.

The Giles technique is Britain are awarded a penalty corner he is brought on and sent to the edge of the circle. When the ball is played out to him he quickly drags it away from the nearest defender, lines up his shot and, more often than not, sends it hur-ting into the back-board like an Exocet.

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The power of Giles's shooting is astonishing. Whittall measured it with a speed gun before the team left for the United States and registered 63mph. The poor South Giles has scored 34 goals in Korean defender who 55 internationals, including almost half of Britain's goals in the Olympic qualifying second penalty was left nurs-

tournament in Spain this ling a badly bruised arm year, and is favourite to finish top scorer again here as ment to the speed the ball he and his team-mates try to travels from Giles's stick.

The key to the speed the ball travels from Giles's stick.

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change in hockey laws in 1994 which permitted rolling substitutes from a souad of 16. Whittall admits a number of teams are unhappy about Britain's exploitation of the

Giles's task has become so familiar to other teams that simple and effective. When Britain have had to come up with a Plan B. That involves Giles as a decoy and distract ing the opponents' defenders while freeing team-mates to shoot. The mere sight of Glies on the beach is enough to panic some teams, Whittall believes. "Sides are so aware of the threat he poses that they can make mistakes or leave openings in trying not to give away a penalty cor-

> How Britain's women must have wished they had some one like Giles to call upon in their clash with South Korea. They did not have a penalty corner to hide in as they were trounced 5-0.



Bandana split . . . Giles finds the Korean net ROSS KINNARD

Fighting draw with Dutch lifts British women's morale

GREAT Britain's women showed great character in fighting out a 1-1 draw with the Netherlands in their second round-robin match of the Games only 24 hours after their ignominious 5-0 defeat by South Kores, urites Pat Roules *totoley.* The Dutch, who had beaten

Britain in six of their past seven meetings, the most recent occasion being at Milton Keynes in June, went into the game with the advantage of having had longer to recover from their first game. And it looked bad for Britain when the Dutch scored a soft corner goal in the 11th minute. Hilary Rose saved Wietske de Ruiter's shot but the ball slipped off Kath John-son's stick and allowed Jeanette Lewin to lift it over the goalkeeper.
The British then showed

their mettle. Facing a second defeat that would practically have ended any hopes of de-fending the 1992 bronze medal, they fought and chased for every ball. Their in defeating Argentina 7-1 in a repeat of the 1992 World Cup silky as those of the Dutch, but they were just as only sides left with maximum

The defence played quite splendidly, too. If Karen Brown was masterful, Jill Atkins and Johnson were not far behind. And there was plenty of tenacious work from Chris Cook and Mandy Davies, who were always looking to spring attacks: Jane Sixsmith was invariably the target but the forwards generally had a frustrating evening

Britain's goal followed a penalty corner early in the second half Scotland's Rhona Simpson was fouled in the goalmouth as she tried to force in the rebound from an Atkins corner shot. A penalty was awarded and, amid great tension, Cook coolly scored the equaliser.

The programme is particu-larly tough in the heat here and Britain face their third match in 96 hours today. They play the US, who stole a late 3-2 win over South Korea yesterday when Barbara Marols scored from a corner. Australia, again impressive

Yesterday's

Basketball

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Water Polo

Women's preliminary

Sweatman waves Eccles flag | The best of the rest before losing leg to champion

Judo

Peter Nichols

POWENA SWEATMAN, from Eccles, became the first British judo player to win two fights here but missed out on the chance of a medal when she was defeated in the repechage final by the Cuban Odalis Reve, the reigning Olympic champion.
Judo results have been dis-

appointing for the British. Earlier Ryan Birch, at 86kg, lost to the Frenchman Darcel Yandzi. Birch, who is marrying Sweatman in October, had "hoped we could win gold together" but the 27-year-old was caught by hiza-guruma (knee wheel) and lost by a koka. When Yandzi was beaten in the next round, Birch was denied a chance in

the repechage. Sweatman won her first fight, against the German Ania von Rekows, but then found herself up against An-eta Szczepanska, a bronze eta Szczepanska, a bronze went to the Cuban. "She's medallist in last year's world been one of my idols for championships in Japan. It took the Pole just under 30 I came close."

seconds to topple Sweatman with uchi-mata (inner thigh

Sweatman and the Gebon fighter Melanie Nguema

hardly came to grips in the repechage and kokas all round after a minute of stalk-ing was inevitable. When they finally injected some action into the bout, the 28year old Sweatman proved too canny, clamping Nguema to the floor and holding her there for the required 30 seconds while the British coach Jane Bridge leapt about with more energy than both of them because the timing clock was not switched on.

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Sweatman was much more aggressive against Reve, who was also silver medallist at last year's world championships. In a flurry of early activity the British fighter almost caught the Cuban but Reve is fearsomely strong. She swept Sweatman's legs away for yuko halfway into the bout and, although Sweatman earned a koko for her onman earned a koka for her opponent's inactivity in the final few seconds, the fight

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Soccer

The favourites Brazil, with Juninho, Bebeto, Aldair and Stark on Stanwick Ghost. Ronaldinho in their ranks, suffered a surprise 1-0 defeat by Japan and a huge setback to their hopes of winning their first Olympic title. In two other upsets Italy, the European Under-21 champions, lost 1-0 to Mexico and Ghana, the 1992 Games bronze medallists, went down by the same score to South Korea.

Brazil, continually inwarted by Japan's goal-keeper Yoshikatsu Kawagu-chi, went behind in the 70th minute when the goalkeeper Dida and Aldair collided after Dida had failed to hold a rasping shot and Teruyoshi Ito rolled the ball into the net.

Equestrianism

promise of champagne ser, now 58, won four golds and four silvers in three links dressage test kept the United States in the lead of United States in the lead of the three-day event. Davidson, on Heyday, added only 42.5 points to the US total of 123.0. With three rides out of air rifle gold medal yesterday.

event, the lowest being the 35.2 of Great Britain's Ian

Athletics

Carl Lewis's dream of collecting 10 gold medals seems cer-tain to be dashed by his team coach, Erv Hunt, who yester day virtually ruled out the possibility of the 35-year-old running in the United States sprint relay team to make up his golden tally. "Carl is not a member of the squad and somebody would have to get hurt — I would say five or six guys — for him to be on it," said Hunt.

Swimming

Dawn Fraser, Australia's most successful Olympic com-petitor, was taken to an At-lanta hospital with chest Equestrianism
Hugs, high fives and a pains yesterday but later she was described as stable. Fra-

four completed New Zealand | Wolfram Waibel Jr of Austria were lying second with 137.0 won the silver with 655.2 and and Canada third with 140.2 the bronze went to Jean-Davidson's score was the Pierre Amat of France (693.1).

SportsGuardian

ATLANTA'S TRANSPORT PROBLEMS REACHING CRISIS POINT

Redgrave leads **Village** walk-out

Survival

John Duncan

TEVEN Redgrave backed up his harsh criticisms of the Games organisation with action yester-day when he and other members of the British rowing team walked out of the Olym-Atlanta, frustrated at the transport system and

vercrowding. Their colleagues on the British women's rowing team they hijacked a bus to get to their Lake Lanier venue on time. The entire Latvian team has also moved out because of overcrowding and noise.

Redgrave and his pairs partner Matthew Pinsent, along with the coxless four of Greg and Jonny Searls, Tim Foster and Rupert Obholzer, decamped early yesterday to stay in the Lanier Centre Hotel at Gainesville, closer to the rowing venue. The 55mile journey from the Village had taken two hours by offi-cial bus before Redgrave hired a car and did the jour-

ney yesterday in 55 minutes. "The guys have been frus-trated with the system anyterday with them and their coaches," said Dave Tanner, the British team manager. "The transport has not been very good and the Vil-

lage is a busy place. We just felt they would like some The pair had complained

publicly about transport arrangements after their win in

Sunday's heats, saying they were "not prepared to have four years' hard work ruined by sloppy organisation". The women's eight took matters into their own hands

minutes in the Village for official transport with other comfrom Ukraine and "We stood in the middle of the road and stopped all the buses going through in order to comman-

"The police were screaming at us to get out of the road but soon enough one came along The poor victim was going to the hockey but we piled on board and informed him that he was now going to Lake La-nier. I told him to just drive."

Other anecdotes of trans-portation disasters doing the rounds include scores of volunteer drivers quitting, som in tears and others in midjourney. There have also been reports of buses bursting into flames and transport breakdowns.

AD Frazier, deputy chief the Atlantz organising com-mittee ACOG, admitted yeswere horrific but said it would take a little time to get the system working. "It's rather like a dinosaur — the head makes a decision and 10

he said.
Atlanta's much-vaunted computerised results system, a multi-million dollar collaboration between a group of major Olympic sponsors, was still a shambles yesterday. and absurdities such as three round boxing bouts going.into a fourth round were being broadcast as fact.

At least the working week for commuting Atlantana started bright and early, with the car parks at outlying rail-

way stations full by 8am. The city's underground sys-tem, Marta, struggled to cope and commuters said journeys were taking about twice as long as normal. "It's Sardine City down there," said one local as she emerged from a yesterday, hijacking a bus to Marta station. "Atlanta is in Lake Lanier after waiting 40 way over its head."



Stroking up the heat ... Ireland's golden girl Michelle Smith makes waves after being cleared to swim in the 400 metres freestyle when US protests were rejected

Irish turn on American 'bullies'

Swimming

David Hopps

ets the Irish-American vote in his re-election campaign, then his for-eign policy advisers should tell him to stay clear of Atlanta where the blood brothers are engaged in a feud over the Games' most

trying to drum her out of last | up and trying to smash us | countries in contention for night's women's 400 metres | down. They have left a lot of Olympic gold. The German | freestyle final on technical | bad blood between us. | Kerstin Kielglass pipped |

Smith, who became Ireland's first swimming gold medallist when she won the 400m individual medley, has also endured drugs rumours. such has been her astonishing surge through the world rankings, even though she
has never tested positive.
Patrick Hickey, Ireland's
representative on the IOC and
president of their Olympic

controversial champion.

While the Irish revel in the folksy story of Michelle Smith's gold medal success in the pool, the Americans are case of Big Uncle Sam getting

"They are jealous that a lit-tle country like Ireland has taken a gold medal off them. The Americans did everything they could to have Mi-chelle Smith thrown out of the 400 freestyle when it is clear that it was an Olympic organisational mistake. It is

"As far as the suggestions that she is on drugs are concerned, I have no doubt that Michelle is clear."

The United States' protest over Smith's inclusion in last night's 400m freestyle was supported by Germany and the Netherlands, two other Smith by a hundredth of a second as the fastest qualifier, with the Netherlands' Kirstin Vlieghuis close behind.

United States' visions of Janet Evans, who had handed the torch to Muhammad Ali at the opening ceremony, winning a fifth gold medal and equalling the record for an American woman were dashed when she finished ninth fastest and missed a

place in the final. Dermot Sherlock, secretary general of the Irish Olympte Committee, insisted that Olympte organisers had twice assured him that the entry

Set by Plodge

400m freestyle — a change of heart after a stunning swim cleared on July 17. Rival countries state that the clos-

ing date was July 5. On that basis the Ameri cans approached the techni-cal committee of Fina, swimming's governing body, who upheld their protest. Ireland, incensed, appealed directly to the IOC, through their sports director Gilbert Felli. That

appeal was upheld only minutes before Smith's gold medal swim in the 400m indi-

deadline for competitors was | Evans, was unrepentant, de-the opening day, July 20, and | scribing the IOC intervention that Smith's late entry for the | as "a disgusting example of scribing the IOC intervention as "a disgusting example of politics in sport'

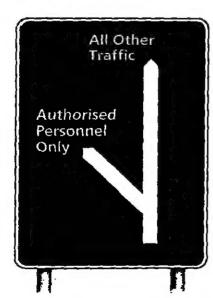
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solely with the Olympic organisers, not with the swimming federation," Sherlock responded. "Only when it became clear that Michelle Smith was a medal prospect did the Americans take steps

to have her removed. This a fairy story. Mi-chelle swam in Seoul and Barcelona and came nowhere. Now she is a gold medallist. We all live in fear, with all our athletes, that one day a positive drugs test will hap-pen to us. But we will not resvidual medley on Saturday.

Mark Schubert, coach to pond to rumours.

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Shearer back to settle his future with Rovers

Russell Thomas

LAN SHEARER will attempt to resolve his much publicised future when he meets Blackburn's chairman Robert Coar on Friday after persistent specula-tion that he is about to leave Ewood Park in a British re-The England striker, lead-

ing scorer of Euro 96, has been linked with Manchester United, Newcastle and several Italian clubs, including the champions Milan, in deals ranging from £12 million to £17 million and was said to be considering his future while on holiday in the Bahamas. But he would shed little light on his future yesterday as he spoke publicly for the first time since returning from holiday. "I have been

made aware of some news-

paper stories of the past two or three weeks," he said, "and

will doubtless have a chat with the chairman Robert Coar when I return to training at the end of the week to find out the reality behind the headlines." Shearer will start training

on Friday, a calendar month after England's elimination from Euro 96. But he said: "I will probably just loosen up on Friday and return to full training from Monday on-wards." He added jokingly: "I have never been a great pre-season trainer, so the idea of starting a few days late seems good one to me." Manchester United are giv-

ing a trial to a 17-year-old considered one of the hottest properties in Yugoslavian football. Although Marco Marcovic, a midfielder, has been playing with Partisan Belgrade, a permanent trans-fer would not be difficult because he holds an EC passport because of Italian descent. United's manager Alex Fer-

Alan Smithee is not a man of discerning

The Bloodsucking Pharaohs Of Pittsburgh.

taste, attaching himself to titles like

Ghost Fever, Appointment With Fear.

called The Shrimp On The Barbie.

even a US-New Zealand co-production

guson said: "Marco comes to us very highly recommended and I'm sure he will develop over the next couple of years. It is very much a case of wait and see, but the boy will be

Peter Gilman, Leeds's vicechairman, yesterday began s High Court attempt to block a planned takeover of the club by the Caspian media group that would provide £12 million for new players. Gilman, one of three direc

tors with equal shares in the club, claims the proposed takeover by Caspian will water down his holding and he may be forced to work with people he does not wish to, in contravention of an agreement in 1992.

rival offer from the Conrad group, is seeking an order that Leslie Silver and Bill Fotherby sell their shares to ing them to Caspian.

Guardian Crossword No 20,712

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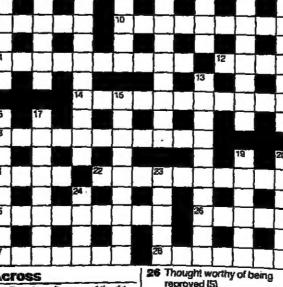
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